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Minden Hills Finances on Track

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

**"We're on the right track."
(Peter Oyler)**

The Minden Hills Finance Committee met late last week and received reports of a reasonably healthy financial position for the period ending June 30th, 2009. This will be music to the ears of residents who been concerned about the municipality's financial position over the past few months and could allay fears that tax rates set by the municipality could increase once again next year.

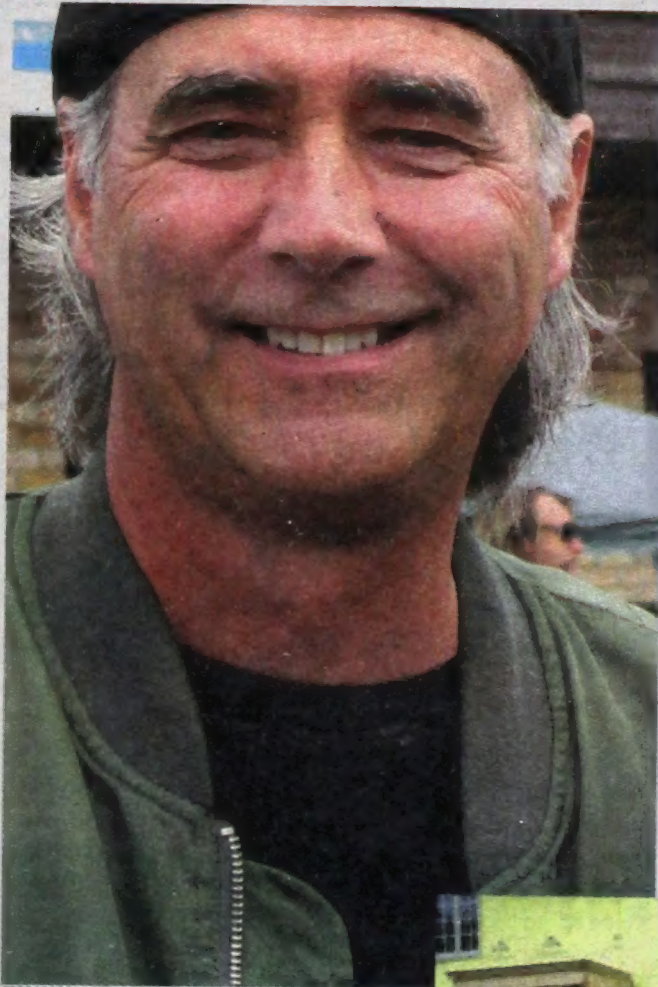
In his comments to the committee, CAO Gerry Morrison thanked Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard for her efforts and his department heads for showing responsibility in managing their budgets.

Morrison, who assumes overall responsibility for the municipality's financial position, acknowledged that there were several departments showing signs of not being on target, citing the Cultural Centre and Community Services Department.

Morrison said that Cultural Centre Director Daniela Pagliaro had been working diligently to meet her budget estimates by cutting expenses. However, despite his own financial responsibilities, when it came to Community Services Morrison said it sounded like a case of déjà vu. He suggested that the Director of Community Services, Rick Cox (presently on holidays) meet with the Finance Chair (Peter Oyler), the Treasurer and himself to confirm how he intends to meet his budget targets.

In her executive summary Blanchard said that there were a number of departments, including the Cultural Centre, Community Services, Property Management and Treasury, that had not met anticipated revenues for a variety of reasons.

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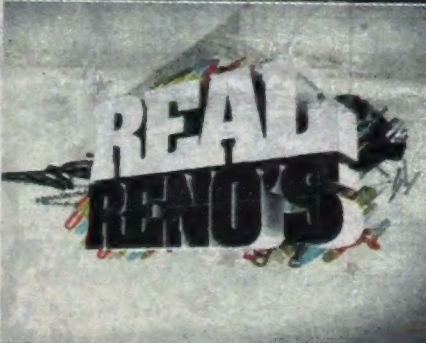
HGTV's Popular Real Reno Show Host Jim Caruk Hosts Local Charity Event

This past Sunday saw the first annual Road Shark's Motorcycle Poker Ride to benefit Community Care Haliburton, and a brave group of local bikers were delighted to help out. The event was hosted by special guest Jim Caruk, host of the HGTV's popular Real Reno show. Caruk is an avid biker, and a long-time Haliburton cottager. Caruk couldn't join the ride on Sunday (his daughter's birthday took precedence) but got the ride off to a roaring start from Halco Plaza in Haliburton right on time.

In addition to the 250 K bike ride through the Haliburton Highlands, the event also featured a great pea meal bacon BBQ and later biker (and Ride Leader) Gord Kidd entertained the crowd.

Community Care Event Organizer Hilary Elia was delighted with the response to the event, which raised over \$2200, a great total for a first time event. And Community Care's already announced the event will be repeated on the third Sunday of August, 2010, and Jim Caruk has committed to host and next year, to enjoy the ride as well. ■

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CUME Continues the Fight Against Uranium Mining

"We must all work together if we're to have any hope of protecting Haliburton."

Being offered an opportunity to make a submission at the Standing Committee's hearings on revisions to Ontario's outdated Mining Act seems to have been a rare and wonderful thing and something that both activist groups in Haliburton County feared they would miss out on. But despite

spaces being extremely limited in Toronto, at the last hour both FUME (Fight Unwanted Mining and Exploration) and CUME (Cottagers Against Uranium Mining and Exploration) were offered a golden opportunity to have one final proverbial kick at the cat before the new act receives third reading in the fall.

Until the very last minute, Susanne Lauten, founder of CUME says that she thought the opportunity was lost. Then, while she sat in her Gull Lake cottage in the midst of a power outage resulting from one of

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Watercolours of Haliburton on Track

"We intend to break ground in 2010."

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

The old adage that 'no news is good news' may have gone a bit off kilter over the past few months. While activity associated with Haliburton's Watercolours development has remained pretty much under the radar since the OMB decision was made in the condominium's favour, a few rumblings that the project may be in trouble have surfaced. In fact, according to the developers, things couldn't be better and the project is proceeding exactly as anticipated.

The Voice has been in contact with David Mady, President of the Mady Development Corporation, one of the project's development partners. When confronted with rumours that the project might be on shaky ground, Mady said, "On the contrary. We welcome about 50 new people into our sales centre on a weekly basis. Every week, part of our sales team greets visitors, introduces them to the project, the concept and the services we provide, while another part of the sales team meets with existing purchasers as they convert their reservations into firm deals."

Mady acknowledged that the conversion from reservation to a firm deal can be a long and arduous process. He said that many of the people who reserved units at Watercolours of Haliburton were not familiar with the condominium purchase process and documentation which could have raised cause for questions or concerns.

"Last week our Toronto based lawyer visited with numerous

Haliburton area lawyers to familiarize them with the condominium documentation and the meeting was a success. Everybody now seems to fully understand the condominium documents."

Mady said that some purchasers continued to ask the same questions, which was part of the reason for the meeting. The following is a session with Mady, in the form of a Q&A that provides clarification to questions that have recently been raised about the

Mady went on to detail some of the activities under way.

"First and foremost, the acquisition of land for the development is now complete and we now own the property."

Sales activity continues and the Watercolours sales representatives (Drew and Kristin Bishop and Mark Denny of Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc.) have been meeting with the people that have reserved units and are currently converting them to firm

deals," Mady said, "Once we are approximately 70 percent sold, we plan to commence construction. This percentage threshold is a minimum requirement by the banks of condominium developers across the country."

With respect to planning, Mady said, "The property was just zoned in May of 2009. That's only three months ago. There are numerous planning related tasks to complete prior to putting a shovel in the ground. They include, but are not limited to, obtaining municipal and Ministry of Transportation approval of our site plan, obtaining approval of our storm water management and construction plans, obtaining engineering, hydrogeology and water treatment approvals in addition to traffic, municipal fire and building department approvals." Mady confirmed that these hurdles are in various stages of completion.

When it comes to financing, Mady said that it's no secret that obtaining financing in today's market isn't an easy task, but since the project has been so well received and they have successfully developed numerous

luxury condominium projects throughout North America, obtaining financing for this project is not a problem. "Our bank is ready when we are, and once we've completed everything associated with planning, we'll commence construction."

There has also been a rumour that construction won't get underway until 2014 and Mady wanted to dispel that rumour right now. He said, "It is our intention to break ground in 2010."

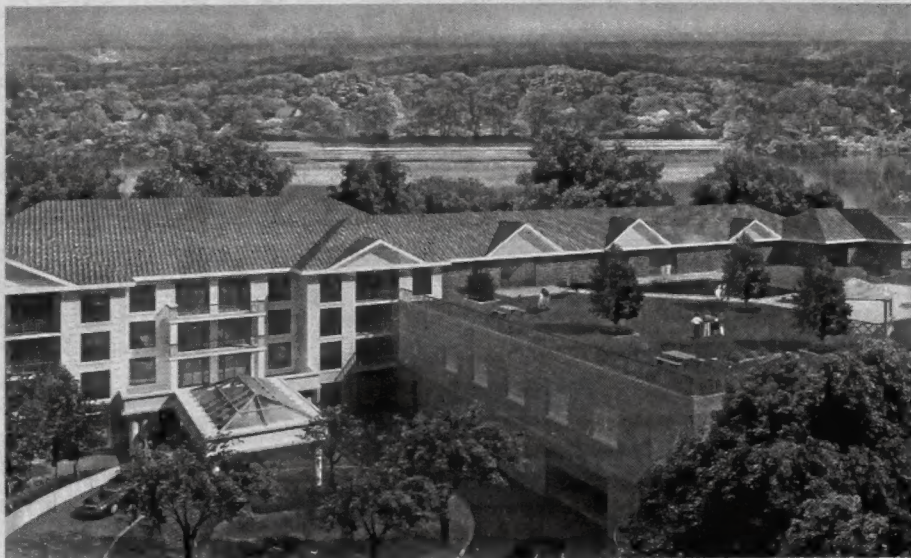
He also voiced his confidence in the project being a huge success "because Watercolours of Haliburton is a highly innovative approach to retirement living, a complete aging-in-place alternative for seniors and a unique approach that is based on need at various stages of life."

"Haliburton has more than 75 different existing social, lifestyle and wellness services available within the community and what we have done is create a framework to easily identify, tap into and even bring these services right to our residents' front door."

"Equally impressive is Watercolours itself; a 134 suite mid-rise condominium, situated on the side of a wooded hill overlooking Head Lake and offering magnificent lake and woodland views. It is a minute's walk to downtown Haliburton, one of cottage country's most charming and celebrated towns."

"Nothing in the surrounding area compares to our Watercolours project," said Mady. Similar residences are charging over \$3,000 a month just to rent a 500 square foot, one bedroom unit. In today's market, with interest rates being so low, why rent when you can buy/own and watch your investment appreciate. Buying into Watercolours, with the number of services being brought right to your front-door, just makes good sense."

Mady says that the Watercolours development team wholeheartedly believes in this project for its social value. He said, "This is a golden opportunity and we will create a top notch, highly innovative retirement living community." ■



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Is the OMB decision holding things up? The Ontario Municipal Board issued its decision to approve the project on May 6, 2009. The Board's approval included an order to amend the existing zoning by-law. Municipal Planner (Pat Martin) has revised the by-law in accordance with the Board order and sent it to the Board. The appellant's solicitor didn't agree with the manner in which the revisions to the by-law were made and a teleconference call with the Board occurred on July 28, 2009. As a result, Martin has further revised the by-law in accordance with the matters discussed during the teleconference call and we are awaiting word from the Board that the latest wording is acceptable and the by-law is final.

Why is it taking so long to commence construction? "A project of this calibre and magnitude does not happen overnight. There are number of steps that have to be taken before shovels hit the ground."

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FRIDAY



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▲ 19° ▼ 9°

SATURDAY



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▲ 19° ▼ 9°

SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers

▲ 19° ▼ 7°

MONDAY



More showers likely

▲ 17° ▼ 6°

TUESDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and cool

▲ 18° ▼ 7°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and pleasant

▲ 20° ▼ 8°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be cool on Thursday as skies will be partly sunny with highs in the upper teens. Showers will move into the area on Friday and continue to be experienced throughout the weekend. Highs will be in the upper teens. The wet weather will linger into Monday with highs in the upper teens.

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City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk
Acapulco	31/25/ts	32/26/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	32/27/ts	33/27/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	33/26/ts	32/26/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	32/26/ts	33/26/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	32/27/pc	31/27/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	31/25/pc	31/24/ts	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	32/24/ts	32/25/ts	29/23/na
Cancun	32/26/ts	33/26/ts	32/26/na	St Thomas	32/26/pc	31/26/sh	31/26/pc
Curacao	33/26/pc	32/27/pc	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	32/26/ts	32/26/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	32/26/pc	33/26/pc	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	28/19/ts	29/19/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/26/ts	32/26/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	33/26/su	32/26/pc	31/25/su
Havana	32/26/ts	32/25/ts	34/24/su	San Salvador	32/23/ts	31/23/ts	32/22/su
Key West	31/26/ts	32/25/ts	32/27/ts	Santo Domingo	32/26/ts	32/27/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	32/26/ts	32/27/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/27/ts	32/26/ts	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Bancroft	19/8/pc	19/9/sh	19/9/sh	19/7/sh	17/6/sh	18/7/cl	20/8/su
Barrie	19/9/pc	20/9/sh	20/9/sh	19/7/sh	18/6/sh	19/7/cl	21/8/su
Dorset	19/8/pc	19/8/sh	19/8/sh	19/7/sh	17/6/sh	18/7/cl	20/8/su
Haliburton	19/8/pc	19/9/sh	19/9/sh	19/7/sh	17/6/sh	18/7/cl	20/8/su
Huntsville	19/8/pc	19/8/sh	19/8/sh	19/7/sh	17/6/sh	18/7/cl	20/7/su
Kingston	19/9/pc	21/10/sh	21/10/sh	20/8/sh	18/7/sh	19/7/sh	21/9/su
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Minden	19/8/pc	19/9/sh	19/9/sh	19/7/sh	17/6/sh	18/7/cl	20/8/su
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Ottawa	19/8/su	19/9/pc	19/10/sh	18/8/sh	18/8/sh	18/8/sh	19/9/su
Toronto	20/9/pc	21/10/sh	21/10/sh	20/8/sh	18/7/sh	19/7/cl	22/9/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	24/9/su	28/14/su	27/18/su	31/18/su	31/18/su	32/19/su	32/19/pc
Edmonton	27/12/pc	28/13/pc	28/14/pc	28/14/pc	27/13/pc	27/13/pc	26/12/sh
Fredericton	18/8/pc	17/7/pc	19/11/sh	19/11/sh	19/11/sh	19/11/sh	19/12/sh
Halifax	21/10/su	17/8/su	18/11/ra	18/11/sh	18/11/sh	18/11/sh	18/12/sh
Montreal	19/8/su	18/7/pc	20/11/sh	20/11/sh	18/9/sh	18/9/sh	20/10/su
Regina	29/14/pc	30/14/pc	31/14/pc	31/14/su	31/14/su	32/15/su	32/16/cl
St. John's	17/7/pc	14/6/pc	17/9/sh	17/9/sh	17/9/sh	17/9/sh	17/8/sh
Saskatoon	26/9/pc	26/12/pc	26/12/su	26/12/pc	26/12/su	27/12/pc	27/12/sh
Vancouver	25/14/su	20/14/sh	22/13/pc	21/11/pc	24/13/pc	24/13/pc	24/13/pc
Whitehorse	18/9/sh	19/8/sh	19/8/sh	19/8/sh	19/8/sh	19/8/cl	17/7/cl
Winnipeg	23/12/ts	20/9/sh	22/11/pc	22/11/pc	22/11/su	24/12/su	26/10/pc

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Monday 8/24	23°C	12°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 8/23	NA	NA	NA
Saturday 8/22	23°C	14°C	2.5 mm
Friday 8/21	25°C	19°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 8/20	26°C	12°C	19.6 mm
Wednesday 8/19	25°C	12°C	0.3 mm
Tuesday 8/18	25°C	19°C	4.6 mm

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	6:30 a.m./8:00 p.m.	3:08 p.m./11:31 p.m.
Fri.	6:32 a.m./7:58 p.m.	4:04 p.m./none
Sat.	6:33 a.m./7:56 p.m.	4:51 p.m./12:22 a.m.
Sun.	6:34 a.m./7:54 p.m.	5:30 p.m./1:18 a.m.
Mon.	6:35 a.m./7:53 p.m.	6:01 p.m./2:20 a.m.
Tues.	6:36 a.m./7:51 p.m.	6:27 p.m./3:24 a.m.
Wed.	6:37 a.m./7:49 p.m.	6:50 p.m./4:28 a.m.

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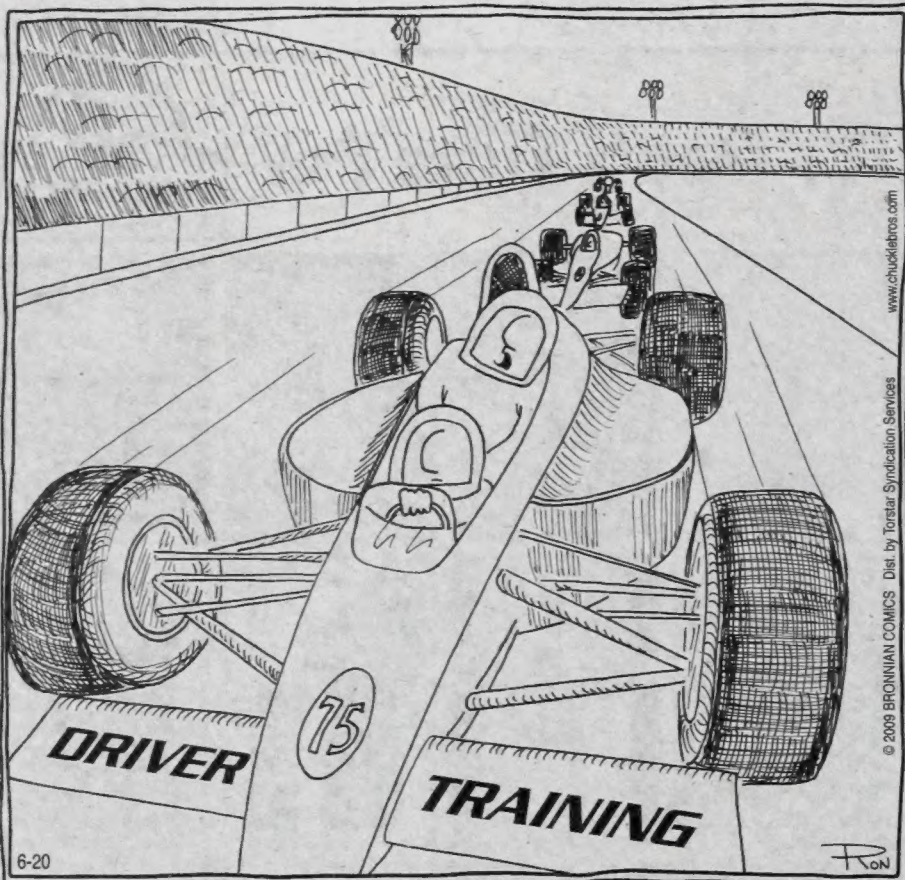
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"It will once again be a costly process."

As Past President and Public Relations Officer for The Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton, and on behalf of the entire executive of Br. 129, I wish to respond to the letter to the editor from Peter Lay stating, "I'm sure there are a few tins of blue paint in the town to give it a brush up," with reference to the aircraft.

If it was that easy, it would always be in tip-top shape. Unfortunately it is more involved than most people are aware of. And YES the Legion is certainly aware of the plane's condition.

The CF100 was officially dedicated in September of 1974. It was purchased by the Legion and the Municipality of Dysart et al for \$500. Mounting it on the base in front of the high school cost a further \$5000.

In 1996 the plane was restored. The base had to be repaired and scraped. The proper paint had to be found and purchased (not just any paint can be used), and scaffolding had to be installed. Andy Hillo did the actual painting of the plane after bird's nests etc. were removed and it was cleaned and prepared. The process began in October 1995 and was completed in the fall of 1996. It cost the Legion over \$6000.

Now, 13 years later, the Legion is making arrangements to improve the appearance of the plane once again. We hope to get a response to our request for volunteers to scrape the base and someone is already looking into finding and negotiating the purchase of the proper paint. Once again it will be a costly process.

Ethel Galvin
Br. 129, Royal Canadian Legion
Haliburton. ■

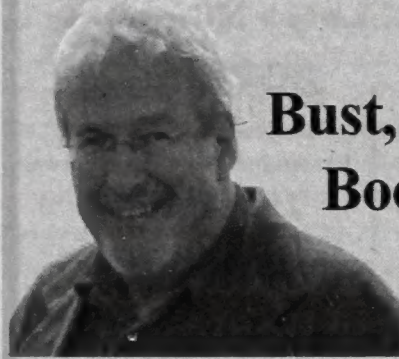
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Bust, Boom, Bust --- Boom?

This past 10 months has seen more bad economic news than any comparable period in recent history. Between October 2008 and January 2009 the "first world's" economic universe truly seemed to be falling apart: banks failing, financial institutions crumbling, entire countries declaring bankruptcy. As Curry Motors President Don Popple put it in an interview with the Voice this spring, "All of a sudden, overnight, the bottom simply dropped out of the market. Our November sales were actually above those of November 2007: and then, wham, nothing."

All sections of the economy were slammed, including of course, real estate itself. Most commentators and politicians focused their righteous anger on the American banking system's astonishingly lenient mortgage regulations, or lack thereof. And as America foreclosed, Canadian – and Haliburton – real estate prices dropped and sales decreased. January through March saw one of the worst periods for real estate sales in the past 20 years.

But this summer, life has returned, somewhat, to the local real estate market. Haliburton's senior realtors were unanimous, if cautious, about the recovery. "We're approaching our level of sales that we saw last summer, and I'm fairly confident we'll exceed those totals," said Remax's John Parish. "Our buyers are cautious and very conscious of price – they are really ready to negotiate hard. But the drop in value we saw over the winter has stopped – and if the product is good and priced properly, it will sell."

Gloria Carnochan of Royal LePage's Kennis and Redstone Lakes Realty Centre echoes those sentiments: "There's no question now that this summer will be better than last year's. Buyers are more comfortable with the prices this summer, and that price has to be right. Prices did drop as much as 15 percent in some areas – but buyers are now paying close to the asking price. And we all need listings – just as in the good times, we have buyers – we need product."

Remax Minden's Tom Prentice agrees that, "our buyers are really price conscious – and I agree that prices seem to have come down by 10 to 15 percent. But our June volume was up over seven percent, and by the end of this year we may even be back to pre-recession levels." Remax Wilberforce's Rick Forget points out that the market is still a tough one for agents: "All our clients are looking for value, and they're not quick to jump. They want to see a lot of different places, and they want to make sure the price is right. But having said that, the interest is definitely there, and sales have been increasing all summer – in July sales across Haliburton County were up by almost 40 percent over last summer, even though our January to July totals are still down almost 10 percent. And I think the positive media spin on the economy is really helping as well."

This is surely a further indication that Haliburton County's value as a destination for cottagers and particularly those searching for all-season dwellings, has not been in any way diminished in the long term. And perhaps also this is evidence that despite some very difficult times, the County has weathered this recession (and miserable summer) better than anyone could realistically have expected.



And Bye For Now

Next week the Voice's intrepid reporter Mark Arike will take up new challenges and responsibilities with Haliburton's Arts Council. For 18 months Mark has worked tenaciously to bring our readers all manner of stories, events, and happenings, for which we are all grateful. We all look forward to what we hope will be regular free-lance contributions to the Voice by Mark in the future. ■

**Letters to the Editor
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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"Lawyer, real estate, dentist, labour and fuel fees will include PST as well as GST."

Some time ago I e-mailed our MPP Rick Johnson regarding the proposed harmonized Provincial Sales Tax and GST. To date I have received no reply. His newspaper ad stated "Here to serve you!" However, he has forgotten his statement.

July 1st 2010 the harmonized tax will take effect and will have a major impact on services that did not have PST. Lawyer, real estate, dentist, labour and fuel fees will include PST as well as GST. These are just a few services that were PST exempt. Businesses receive a GST input tax credit on all purchases if they wish to take part of such by registering for a GST number. They also receive a blanket PST exemption on equipment and supplies and can claim a rebate percentage based on PST collected from customers. We already pay Environmental Handling Fees on all electronics and gravel per tonne to name just two. Some car dealerships also charge this fee but it is not mandatory as yet.

It seems as if the government is becoming greedier with each passing day. Apparently some provinces with the harmonized tax have reduced their tax rate charged however I am not aware of Ontario doing such. Perhaps the government should scrutinize their spending habits and become more aware of inefficiencies in their respective departments as seen with the health board fiasco and extreme six figure bonuses for executives. Now is the time to secure and demand precise documentation from the provincial government with respect to the harmonized tax and how incorporating the two taxes will be of benefit especially to the working and retired public and those on fixed incomes.

Bev MacDuff
Gooderham.

Dear Editor:

"So now we get to see the bare wood and graffiti again because the mighty Dysart has spoken ..."

Monday morning the Municipality was at my store (Press Play) bright and early to remove my signage on the hydro poles at the edge of my parking lot at 50 York Street. Press Play sits back in the lot so I put the signs up in 2007 when the store opened so people could find it more easily. The signs were professionally produced and installed. They were installed over old broken up plywood covered with graffiti and with wiring sticking out. At the time I believed the poles were on the parking lot property which is owned by the building. It turns out they are just slightly off of that and therefore on Dysart property. I was told two years after they went up that they had to be removed. I asked for this to be delayed so I could apply for a variance of the By Law: I was told no. So they had two years to complain and I didn't have two weeks to respond.

Where is the fairness to local business owners trying to make a go of it in this tough economy? I understand the need for rules and enforcement if signs are crudely made and put up haphazardly or create an obstacle for walkers or vision issues for drivers but surely there should be lenience for businesses just trying to point customers to the location. Perhaps it is the fact that I said the library was a ridiculous expense so I am being punished???? So now we get to see the bare wood and graffiti again because the mighty Dysart has spoken ... so please complain to them about the view now and know it isn't my fault or the building owners fault that the poles are ugly.

Trace Morfe
Haliburton. ■

CUME Continues the Fight Against Uranium Mining

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this year's violent summer storms, she got a last minute call giving her only 24 hours to put the finishing touches on her briefing document.

But Lauten is a fighter, so she summoned up her courage and the next day she was at Queen's Park fully prepared to give her ten-minute presentation, using all of the expert evidence she could gather to illustrate uranium mining's devastating effects on the environment and health, citing examples from Elliot Lake and Saskatchewan. According to Lauten, some of her comments raised a number of eyebrows.

Lauten said that one member of the Committee contemptuously suggested that she should visit Elliot Lake to see what a lovely place it is has become for cottagers and retirees. Lauten said that she would love to visit Elliot Lake and that she wholly supported its rejuvenation, but asked the member how devastating it would be to those same cottagers and retirees if uranium mining activity resumed in the area.

Lauten says that she finds it rather strange that presenters were only given 24 hours notice of having an opportunity to make a submission to the Committee. She said that spaces were limited and only a fraction of those who applied to make submissions got to make presentations.

"They only planned for a single day of hearings in Toronto and despite attempts by MPP Rick Johnson to have the time extended for an additional day, the suggestion was vetoed by committee members," she said.

According to Lauten, the other strange thing about limited access to the hearings was that once she started asking questions about the number of seats and the veto to an additional day, and made contact with a Toronto Star reporter, she was suddenly offered a spot. "I think that because I was asking questions I got in just under the wire."

Lauten said that a number of excellent points were made by the presenters and well placed questions asked by the committee members. She spoke of FUME's desire to see municipalities given the right to decide on the extent of mining activity within their boundaries and the concerns raised about the ramifications of that, citing as an example the runoff from tailings in one riding seeping into another that was in opposition to mining activity. She also suggested that some of the points raised by presenters in opposition to any mining activity in southern Ontario were met with derisive responses from committee members.

Despite the frustration with the mining act review and other groups broadening their focus to curtail all mining activity in southern Ontario, Lauten remains focused on the negative impact of uranium mining. She said, "My ultimate goal is to see a province wide ban on uranium mining similar to what is in place in British Columbia." According to Lauten British Columbia has a province wide ban on uranium mining and very stringent health regulations that impede mining of all metals on uranium rich land. "Similar legislation would effectively protect Haliburton from all mining activity."

In the interim, she said, "I'm trying to include as many like-minded groups as possible. I know that many people have slightly different philosophies, but I want to work together to achieve a mutually satisfactory goal as much as I possibly can."

To that end Lauten has held discussions with the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nations Chief Doreen Davis. The Ardoch Lake and Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nations have long been involved in a huge lawsuit over land and mining rights with Frontenac Ventures near Sharbot Lake.

Lauten commented that the deck seems to be stacked against them. Wanting to proceed with caution with her continued quest, two lawyers have volunteered to help her. She said, "After all, there's certainly no big payoff by inciting anger."

Meanwhile, Lauten is fully immersed in the planning of her protest rally scheduled for Sunday, September 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Queens Park.

She said, "We're working on getting as many people there as possible" and then launched into the difficulties associated with getting security clearance for the rally. While she has assurances that the permit will be in place soon, Lauten said that the security

people simply bristle when they hear that people like the Executive Director of Greenpeace will be in attendance.

Lauten has attracted a wide variety of very well known speakers to attend the rally, led by key note speaker Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada and including Bruce Cox of Greenpeace, Robert Lovelace, retired Chief of the Ardoch Algonquin First Nation and a professor at Queens University, Terry Rees from FOCA, Frank Klees MPP for Newmarket-Aurora and possibly Peter Tabuns, New Democratic MPP for Toronto Danforth (and a former Greenpeace Executive Director known to be an excellent speaker). Invitations have also been sent to Rick Johnson, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, representatives of the mining industry and to Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry.

Speaking of the rally, and what she plans for her opening remarks, Lauten said, "We're now living in a time when not only is our land, air and water under siege, but the people who care enough and dare to speak out and oppose the destruction are being slapped with lawsuits and jail time, so I have to speak carefully and will encourage all the speakers to do the same. These are the times we're living in."

Lauten learned earlier this week that there will be road closures in downtown Toronto on the rally date because of a scheduled marathon race. She strongly urges rally participants to take the subway or GO train down to Queen's Park adding that the Yorkdale Mall has a large parking garage and is on the doorstep of the Yorkdale subway station.

On a lighter note Lauten said that they have come up with a unique cottage-inspired design for the rally protest signs: a canoe paddle sandwiched between two placards. She said, "It makes a bold statement and the smooth paddle handle is great for easy carrying."

"If you want to make a 'protest paddle' you need a piece of yellow foam board for stiff backing and a piece of yellow Bristol board (flexible to bend around paddle). Write or paint your message on both placards and then 'sandwich' your paddle between the two placards and secure it with duct tape (of course!). Join both placards together by covering all the edges with duct tape."

As to her goal to see uranium mining and exploration banned in Ontario, Lauten says, "No one group can do this. We must all work together if we're to have any hope of protecting Haliburton." ■

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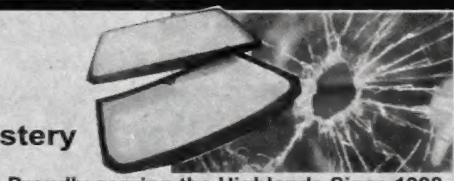
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(City of Kawartha Lakes, ON.)—Early this morning (19 August) members of the OPP Central East Drug Unit and the City of Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton OPP Crime Unit executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at a Colonial Road residence in Minden Hills, Ontario. During the search officers located and seized approximately one (1) kilogram of marihuana and a quantity of Canadian currency.

As a result of the investigation Dale Ruth STOVIN, age 49 and Jessie Michael STOVIN, age 30, were arrested and charged with possession of marihuana for the purpose of trafficking. Both were released from custody and will appear in court October 7th, 2009 in Minden, Ontario. ■

Racing Charge Laid

(Haliburton, ON.)—Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a Toronto man with Racing after a vehicle stop on Saturday afternoon.

An officer was patrolling Highway #35 in the Township of Minden Hills when he observed a motor vehicle travelling southbound on Highway #35 at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was found to be traveling more than 50 km/h over the posted 80 km/h speed.

Gerhard Sonnenberg 74 years, of Toronto has been charged with Racing contrary to the Highway Traffic Act. ■

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Madison Violet Dominates The Dominion

Hip Female Folk Duo Rocks Folk Society Concert, Fills Venue

The musical duo of Brenley MacEachern and Lisa MacIsaac, better known as Madison Violet, brought their smooth sounds and hip personalities to the Dominion Hotel in Minden last Saturday. It was the first Folk Society show to be presented in Minden. Local performer Jocelyn Regina opened up for the group along with the assistance of her father Tom Regina.

The dynamic duo of Madison Violet—whose albums have all made it to the top 100 on iTunes' singer/songwriter genre—interacted with the audience on several occasions, encouraging them to sing along to certain song selections. During their more up-tempo performances, audience members were clapping along and bobbing their heads to their feel good melodies.

Lisa (the sister of famous Canadian fiddler Ashley MacIsaac) sang, played the guitar, mandolin, and of course, the fiddle. Brenley sang and played the guitar—she's also well-versed on the banjo and harmonica.

In their musical career together, Madison Violet toured the globe non-stop for nine years in Antigonish to Australia, Geneva to Grenada. Their first two albums were recorded in London, UK, with legendary producer John Reynolds (Sinead O'Connor, U2, Damien Dempsey) and they received great accolades for their works: four East Coast Music Association (ECMA) nominations, a Canadian Folk Award nomination and a Top 40 Hot AC single in Canada.

In an interview with HCFS member Sean Pennylegion, he explained what it is that the folk society is trying to do by reaching out to other parts of the county with their shows.

"We're excited about moving our shows around to places like Wilberforce, Gooderham, Minden..." said Pennylegion at Saturday's show. "The folk society has often talked about moving our shows around in the past...we're the Haliburton County Folk Society—not the Haliburton Village Folk Society. We'd like to move around and show a variety of talent to the whole county."

And for each show that features a big act, local performers are brought in to open things up.

"We've been making a concerted effort for the past two years to highlight local talent and give them the chance to play with seasoned performers," said Pennylegion.

The next HCFS concert will feature Katherine Wheatley who will perform on Sunday, Sept. 6 at the Wintergreen Pancake Barn.

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Silt Barrier Along The Gull Stays Up - For Now

by George Farrell



It was there for Canada Day. It's been there during Sesquicentennial celebrations, and it's been there it seems, for ages. There's no getting around it; the black, heavy-duty, plastic silt barrier along stretches of the Gull River, in downtown Minden, is a big eyesore. And, sorry folks, but it isn't coming down real soon.

The silt barrier was put up last fall, as stretches of the Riverwalk were under construction. The barrier serves to stop silt running into the river where there is no grass to impede erosion. There's no doubt that the barrier works. This spring while the new bridge was being installed across the gull, there were big areas of exposed earth. Heavy rains then washed a lot of the earth right up against the barrier, which prevented it from continuing to the river.

There hasn't been any construction going on along Riverwalk for quite some time now. In many places where the barrier still resides grass has regrown, and is flourishing. Why then is the barrier still in place?

"The answer is twofold," says Laura Cunliffe, the Township Deputy Clerk, who's also the Secretary Treasurer for Riverwalk. "It's legislation and cost. In mid September we'll be putting out the tender for the trenching and installation of the electrics for the remainder of the Riverwalk lighting. Hopefully the trenching work for the lighting will be done by the end of November. It's legislated by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the MNR, I think, that the barriers be there. If they weren't in place we could be fined a substantial amount. Also when you consider what it would cost to tear down the barrier and then to put it back up again, it doesn't make much sense to do that. It's a little pain for a big gain."

So, when exactly does the barrier come down? "It depends on how long the grass takes to grow after the electrics are installed," says Cunliffe. November is not exactly a peak grass-growing month, and it very often snows in December. So Minden-ites, be prepared to possibly see the ugly black stuff remain along the river banks into next

spring.

Although it's ugly, the black plastic has an added serendipitous benefit. It's effectively keeping Canada geese from fouling long stretches of the pristine Riverwalk; and that's a good thing. But what's really puzzling is that while silt flowing into the river is deemed a bad thing ecologically, it's OK to drastically and continually raise and lower water levels along the Gull and disrupt all wildlife living in the river, and along its banks. Go figure. ■

Bancroft Times Dropped from Middleton Libel Suit

"It's been a very long and complicated affair."
(Dave Burton)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The case of the wrongful or unfair dismissal of Highlands East's former Fire Chief Don Middleton has been going on for almost a year and a half

now, all the while taking numerous twists and turns drawing more parties into the web.

Not only is the municipality being sued by Middleton for wrongful dismissal, but Middleton has also accused Reeve Dave Burton, Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie and Councillor Gary Stoughton of libel. In addition, Middleton accused the Bancroft Times of libel for their report of his dismissal.

On August 11th one key to the convoluted puzzle of how the case will be resolved was released.

The courts have now dismissed Middleton's claim of libel against the Bancroft Times for a story written by Barry Hendry subsequent to Middleton and the municipality having a 'parting of the ways.' According to Stewart Robertson, lawyer for the Times, the newspaper was simply reporting on the business of Council and there was no reason for the paper to be included in the wrongful or unfair dismissal case.

While Robertson stated the terms of dismissal being 'the action is to be dismissed, on a without costs basis and with no admission of liability,' Middleton has agreed to pay an undisclosed amount towards the newspaper's legal costs. In the meantime, the Times can now continue unabated in their coverage of the case.

This raises questions about the standing of the remaining charges and allegations, but getting any response from the parties involved remains difficult while still in the courts. After consulting with his lawyer, Reeve Dave Burton said that he has been advised not to comment at this time. Burton said, "It has been a very long and complicated affair and it's extremely difficult to comment when nothing has been resolved." ■

HALIBURTON COUNTY Recycling Guide

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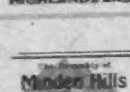
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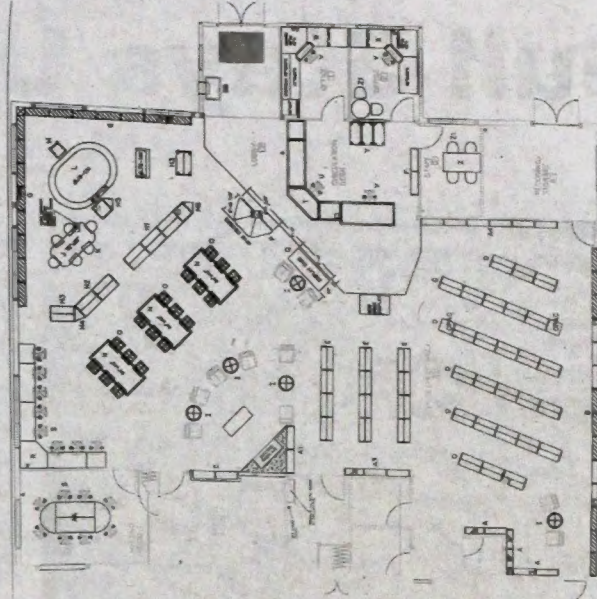
They finally arrived in a big white truck; small boxes, medium boxes and huge boxes along with unassembled English Oak stained wooden sections, their purpose and function mysteries for the time being. The first load of new Minden Library furniture had arrived from Carr McLean Library Furnishings in Toronto, good quality stuff, Canadian made in Richmond Hill.

Prior to the delivery, Jim Fox, library design consultant, and librarian Diane Peacock, were on hand to

supervise the unloading and contact fellow committee members. Initially hired by the library committee to assist with the design, Mr. Fox "promoted" himself to "volunteer status" shortly after his employed work was complete. Within minutes library committee members, Jim and Elly Malcomson and Cheryl Murdoch arrived

and the inspection began in earnest. Parcels were examined, while Murdoch and Fox couldn't resist unwrapping the new brightly coloured rug designated for the kids' section of the new building. Huddles formed in various locations, ideas were exchanged and visions shared.

It was much like witnessing kids on Christmas morning, big kids albeit. But unlike Santa's gifts, this delivery was not a one shot deal, and the beginning of the final stage of a project that committee members have been anticipating and tirelessly working towards for a long time. So who could blame them for being a bit excited! ■



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Blanchard's report included comments from Cox for the Committee's consideration to account for his department's position. According to Cox the arena had been hit by the need for a number of emergency repairs. He suggested that budget lines for the arena had been consistently underfunded or overspent since at least 2005 and reported that all non vital maintenance had been put on hold unless it involved patron or staff safety.

Blanchard echoed comments made by the CAO that the municipality was well on target. She said, "We do have some issues around revenues, but each department head is cognizant of that and is trying to hold the line on expenses to make up the shortfall. She also said that she had asked the Director of Community Services to estimate what his revenues would be over the winter months based on current bookings.

Blanchard said, "The roads department tends to include the big ticket items, but the superintendent is very pleased with his present position. Some of the tendered projects have been under budget and he feels he will be on target."

Pagliari was present to respond to a number of questions by the Committee. She advised the committee that there could be a short fall ranging between six and seven thousand dollars (out of a \$263,000 budget) adding that the wild card would be the donation drive that goes out with membership renewals. Pagliari also commented that the history books were doing very well. She said, "I'm not sure if it will help overall, but they're simply flying off the shelves."

Chief Building Official Ken Jones expressed some concern about permit fees being lower than anticipated, making it unlikely that his revenue targets would be met by year end, due largely in part to the delay in the Canadian Tire project and to the general downturn in the economy. He also advised that he had a greater percentage of his budget remaining as many of his expenses don't occur until later in the year. He also advised that funding set aside for the TNR program (Trap, Neuter and Release of feral cats) will not be utilized and that it was very hard to anticipate how much of the budgeted legal fees would be required.

Committee Chair Peter Oyler suggested that all department heads report to the CAO and treasurer at the end of the third quarter in preparation for the upcoming year's budgeting process and to establish the overall financial position for 2009. He also suggested that the Director of Community Services provide some answers to his budget position no later than September 8th.

Oyler said, "It should be fully expected that all staff look at cost saving measures for the last half of the year to ensure that we meet our 2009 target."

Responding to Oyler's suggestion for a third quarter meeting, Blanchard cautioned the committee that the bulk of payables would not be available until the second week in September. She also commented that if the Committee wanted to see a variance analysis it could be as late as November before they would know their true financial position. She said, "You must leave yourself sufficient time to implement measures that may be required."

Oyler said, "I trust that each of the department heads will stick to the game plan that has been established." Again voicing concern about community services, Oyler said that it was his hope that a meeting with the Cox would provide evidence that revenues and expenditures could be brought into line.

Councillor Barbara Reid commented that by the time they got to the third quarter, the 'horse may already have left the barn.' She said, "We need a gap analysis as soon as possible and then each department head can identify if they can contribute to the corporation to fill in gaps in other areas." Oyler agreed that things should be expedited as much as possible.

The overall budget total (and resulting tax rates) was set to recover last year's deficit of \$333,500 and according to Blanchard's summary as of June 30th, the Township has a surplus of \$208,741. In her report, Blanchard said that based on these results and barring any unforeseen events, the Township is in a favourable position to uncover the deficit. Oyler agreed, saying "We're on the right track."

The committee will meet again on Friday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. ■

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Radiothon Far Surpasses Organizers' Expectations

**\$44,000 for Local Health Services in Third
Annual Fundraiser**

**Mark Arike
Staff Reporter**



With the perfect mix of hard-working volunteers, generous donors, and the teaming up of two local radio stations, a whopping \$44,000 was raised for health services in the Highlands during a two-day Radiothon.

In this year's fundraiser named 'The Haliburton Highlands Health Radiothon', the Moose FM and Canoe FM worked together to help collect on-air donations and bids on a number of auction items on both days from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

In Haliburton volunteers were kept busy taking calls and accepting walk-ins from donors in the lower portion of the Old Country House building on Haliburton's main street. Minden also had a volunteer presence

at the Dominion Hotel on Thursday.

"It was awesome," said Dale Walker, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) Executive Director, of the fundraiser which had a target of \$30,000.

Walker believes that one of the reasons why this year's fundraiser brought in almost \$20,000 more than last year's is because the two stations joined forces to promote the event.

"I think that both stations realized that it's for the hospitals and health care, so why not come together? Each station also has its own distinct audience," she said, adding that this year's auction items brought in more money than last year's.

Walker would like to thank both radio stations for their "unwavering support, hard work and diligence", the volunteers who answered phones and did numerous other jobs, and the many sponsors.

The money will go to help cover the costs of the purchases of stationary ceiling lifts for both hospital facilities.

Below is a list of the auction item winners along with their winning bids:

- Cedar Haliburton Room (donated by the Carriage House Contracting) \$5,250 - Diane Wigley
- One-week stay at The Lodge Horseshoe Resort (anonymously donated) \$875 - The Blacks & The Forgraves
- Breezesta Shoreline Chair & Leisure Foot Rest (donated Northern Expressions) \$350 - Barrie and Sue Maxwell. ■

Bucks Tavern Production A Rousing Success

by George Farrell

Those fortunate enough to have caught the recent production in Minden of the musical play Buck's Tavern, put on by the Conjurors of County Town, must surely have been amazed by the scope of the production and the array of fine local talent on display.

The play, as part of the Sesquicentennial celebrations, features famous characters from Minden's 150 years of history. It takes place in the legendary Buck's Tavern, a locale effectively brought to life under the tent at the Cultural Centre.

Local writers Michael Fay, Fay Martin, George Farrell and Sheryl Loucks volunteered to write short scenarios about notable characters from Minden's past. Writer Jack Brezina then took the offerings and created a truly unique and important work; a play with the added bonus of great songs.

"A key member of the creative team was musician Dave Archibald, who wrote the original songs which accent the stories and provide musical vignettes from the community's history," stated Brezina, who in addition to his writing duties also performed the role of Doctor Curry.

Other cast members included Shawn Chamberlin as Daniel Buck, Betty Mark as Gertrude Buck, Renee Archibald as daughter Felicity Buck, Shane Dibblee as writer George Hamilton, John Miller as the bar fly McDuff, Lindsey Hawley as WWI Sweetheart Vera Cryderman, Scott Duggan as Vera's soldier lover, Kate Hall as Women's Institute President Annie Angus, Sebastian Renel as the artist Andre Lapine, Peter Forgrave as Sir Sam Hughes, and Sheryl Loucks as Dr. Agnes Jamieson. Sarah Delroy played the part of the ghost Ana Pacelli.

In front of over 100 people for three evening and one matinee performance last week, the talented and coquettish Renee Archibald opened proceedings at the piano, which she returned to throughout the evening as required. The only other instrument, a guitar, was capably handled by 'soldier' Scott Duggan. Having only two instruments meant that voices needed to be tuneful and strong, and for the most part such was the case, with Renee Archibald, Lindsey Hawley and John Miller providing stylish and polished renditions. Miller was especially effective, and his barfly McDuff gave an 'everyman' quality to a celebrity-laden cast of characters.

The songs themselves were poignant, funny and appropriate, and the trio of Peter Forgrave, John Miller and Jack Brezina were delightful on a piece called "Doctor No More," in which Brezina's character was informed that his services were no longer required.

Lindsey Hawley got to demonstrate her beautiful clear tones on "War Without End" a song influenced by letters to and from her character's lover at war. 'Bobcaygeon Road' a song sung by everyone as a chorus piece, featured the 'out-loud and out-front' voice of the melodious Miller, who seems to know within a decibel, when volume is required, and when to fade to become part of the ensemble. All in all the songs, though few in number, were exquisitely placed to spice up the play.

Kate Hall was very effective as Annie Angus. Her banter with Chamberlin's Daniel Buck, about woman's roles in early Minden society bought laughter from the women in the audience, while the men nodded their heads in seemingly reluctant acknowledgment.

Sheryl Loucks' Dr. Agnes Jamieson was a treat, and she was the only one to utilize the space in front of the set (the tavern bar), to interact effectively with the audience. Her nicely realized, complicit intimacy with the audience, effectively counter-balanced her Dr. Jamieson's authoritarianism.

Perhaps the big surprise was Sebastian Renel, making his acting debut in Minden. His rendition of artist Andre Lapine was a breath of fresh air. His 'European' flourishes lent flavour to the 'soup' of local characters. He played Lapine like something out of a Pink Panther movie, a bit over-the-top and very lovable, which according to history was exactly Lapine's appeal, especially to women. Lapine apparently played it for all it was worth. Betty Mark's Gertrude Buck was most effective as his 'fluttering' foil.

Aaron King directed Buck's Tavern very efficiently 'turning it from a simple history lesson into

an actual moment in the community's history.' Though the play was sometimes lacking in pace, especially in the beginning, King has the knack of drawing solid performances out of his talent, and a bright future looks to be in store for the multi-talented young man.

Costumes were a real treat and wardrobe mistress Jessie Geall is to be commended on getting the look and feel just right. Sarah Varty's debut as stage manager could be called a success, but more needs to be seen from her because an under-the-tent production, while a good starting point, does not really draw out one's talent like a full-fledged stage production.

The play was not without some issues. The talented Sarah Delroy was wasted as the ghost Ana Pacelli. Her character had virtually nothing to do except for a couple of wispy walk-ons, that a good portion of the audience couldn't see, and the ghost just seemed like too much of an afterthought. Shane Dibblee's George Hamilton was another character who needed some more fleshing out. Although Dibblee gave it his best he didn't have a lot to work with, and it was hard to see just why his character was needed in the first place.

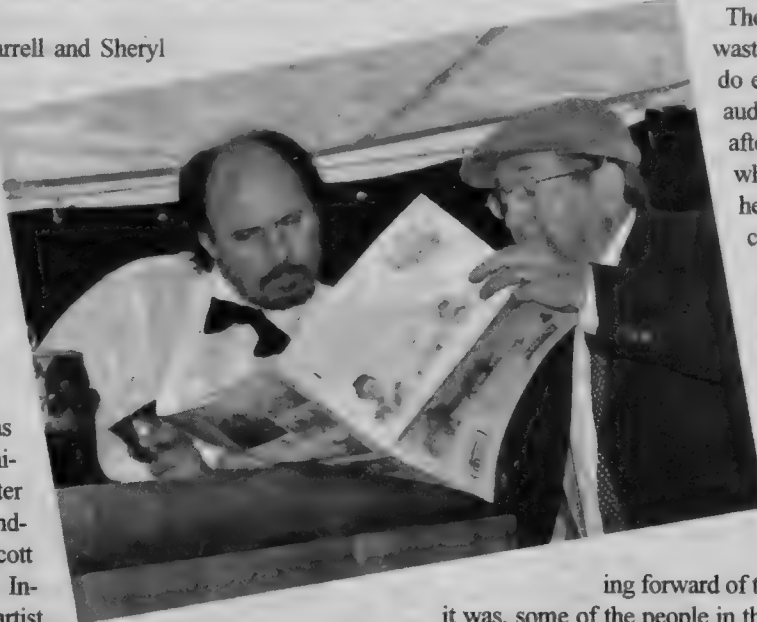
Lighting is always a sore point in smaller productions throughout the Highlands, and the lighting for Buck's Tavern was difficult especially as late afternoon drew on to evening and ambient light diminished. There was also the configuration of seating, always problematic when having to deal with the set dimensions of a tent. Perhaps more use could have been made of the vast empty space in front of the set which was used effectively only by Loucks' Dr. Jamieson. By moving the set forward a few feet a very annoying support pole, which tended to interfere with sight lines, would have been behind the stage bar, instead of in front of it. The moving forward of the set would also have put the characters closer to the audience. As it was, some of the people in the furthest reaches of the U shaped bleachers were perhaps too far away for real intimacy.

But such are the vagaries of amateur theatre. The idea is to overcome such problems by enthusiasm, energy, sincerity and sheer talent. Everyone connected with Buck's Tavern accomplished that in spades. Buck's Tavern deserves, like a fly caught in amber to be bought out whenever the occasion requires, to be held up as not only a shining example of what our young (and not so young) talent is capable of, but also as a very important look at our history, as seen through the eyes and imaginations of our writers.

"Buck's Tavern is by no means meant to be a historically accurate re-enactment of the community's history. Writers were free to interpret and develop an interesting story about the character or the event," explained head writer Jack Brezina.

With that in mind, Buck's Tavern would nonetheless be an excellent piece to perform for our young school-aged children, who in this day and age of visual learning still need links to their past, no matter how interpretive the material.

Full marks to writers and opportunity-givers Fay Martin and Michael Fay for their continuing support for our performers, writers, musicians and crews, and the Conjurors of County Town for creating the vehicles to showcase these considerable talents. As an example, Buck's Tavern was a treat to behold. ■



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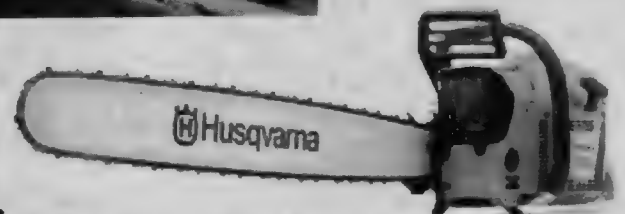
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"Smart politicians listen to the people who pay the tax dollars." (Paul MacInnes)

The Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Association annual general meeting held earlier this month was fraught with controversy over a number of topics including the proposed Stanhope Airport expansion, landfill hours and the upcoming G-8 Summit. But the old stone covered schoolhouse that is now the community centre in this remote part of the County was full to the brim, not only with the business of the day, but with lots of light and laughter.

Association President Gary Schultz welcomed the membership and their guests and voiced his appreciation to his Board of Directors for their work throughout the year. He made special mention of Jim Grant for his work on the Oxtongue Lake Community Website (www.oxtongelake.ca).

After the treasurer's report, the members received a report on the annual regatta which was a resounding success with lots of participation. Tom Rowan won the trophy and \$1,000 was raised. Thanks were offered to all of the volunteers, attendees and the businesses who supported the event.

Webmaster extraordinaire Jim Grant then told the members that their website was exactly one year old that day. He said, "This is our website and it just happens that I'm the bus driver," adding that the driver needed any and all information possible from the community including birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and photos. Grant reported that he was always trying to add relevant information. He chuckled when he said that he had added a section that detailed the personal experiences of those trying to get high speed service, and asked anyone having success to let him know.

Since setting the website up, a number of pages/sections have been added including an opinion page on the airport and one for the newly established Naturalists and Stewards Club. (According to Grant, at least one member of the executive had been excited when they heard there was to be a 'naturalist' page, until they learned it was actually a naturalist's page.)

Ben Teske gave a heartfelt Lake Steward's report. He touched

on the water sampling he had taken part in and how crucial it is to ensure that toxic blooms don't cripple the lake. Teske advised that testing proved the lake to be very healthy and that the water clarity continues to be good. He stressed the importance of being aware of how everyone interacts with the environment. He said, "We can leave very positive tracks and that is the idea of good stewardship."

Teske spoke about the establishment of the Oxtongue Lake Naturalist & Stewards Club and his appreciation of the people in the community that were willing to share their wealth of knowledge and information. He also said that he would like to link in with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and work with them on regional studies.

Teske referred to a program called the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network. He said that they offered a free Frogs & Toads of Canada CD and that he had a few of them on hand. According to Teske, amphibians are extremely important biological indicators.

Schultz reminded the members that if they had questions about their septic systems there was information on the website including early warning signs of problems. Dates and times of club meetings will also be posted.

The discussion then turned to upcoming construction of the new 400' bridge spanning the Oxtongue River. Schultz said, "The bridge is inevitable, but we would like input into the process." He said that the bridge work was likely on hold due to the upcoming G-8 Summit, but added that he would not be surprised to see activity commence in the fall of 2010.

District Fire Chief Ted Keown then reported on fire department activities over the year. When he was done he reminded everyone to have smoke detectors installed in cottages, bunkies or any sleeping areas. He urged people to test their detectors, saying, "Just push the button and check it out." According to Keown, members of the department will be visiting cottages and homes during the summer to assist with response planning. He said, "We've had a quiet summer and we'd like to keep it

that way."

Algonquin Highlands Fire Chief John Hogg was also in attendance to make several presentations. Hogg said, "One thing about the department here; while it isn't one of the largest it is one of the best I have seen. You're well trained and equipped and have excellent continuity within the department."

The Chief and Reeve Eleanor Harrison presented long service awards from the Fire Marshall's office and from the Municipality to Bill Service and to Chief Ted Keown for 35 years of service and to Liz Lindsay in recognition of her late husband Joe's 35 years of service.

Scott Hayden gave a report on the Algonquin Snowmobile Club's activities. He said, "Mother Nature really gave it to us last year." Hayden said that there had been so many trees down on the trails that despite hard volunteer work they had to bring in contractors to clear the tree fall. Hayden also reported on difficulties encountered with the Muskoka Land Owners Association, saying that they had been 'pawns in a ploy over a tree cutting by-law' which had cut off their access to many trails during a prime snowmobiling week.

Hayden also spoke with pride of their new groomer which they had on display outside and welcomed all of the members to have a look at it. He said that the club

members would be carving out some new trails this year and said, "working in the bush is good for the soul, so come on out and help."

Schultz then addressed concerns over the community centre. He said, "Last year we were on the edge of having the centre taken away by Council and possibly sold due to a perceived lack of use." Schultz went on to say that in fact there had been no key available to access the centre, not even for the fire department's use.

Schultz commented that Oxtongue Lake created a substantial revenue base for the municipality despite the fact that they had few facilities. He spoke of other areas having a number of facilities to enjoy, even airports, where in Oxtongue Lake the residents were under threat of losing one of the few facilities available.

But things have started to turn around according to Schultz, as a committee has been formed that is putting the final touches on a terms of reference to make the group a committee of Council, responsible for the community centre. The group also has been given a key. Schultz said that the hall had been used quite a bit over the winter and several upgrades have been made to the building and the garden. He said, "Having a key may have been psychological, but it seemed to have worked."

He went on to say that the hall was slated for a new well and septic system as well as a back-up generator, but added that the community had a substantial wish list that includes a new front entrance, washrooms and accessibility for the upper floor. He also

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Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Association President Gary Schultz makes opening remarks at the AGM.

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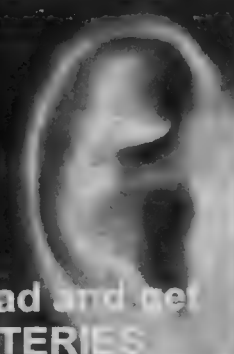
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said they would like a new look for the kitchen and even some kitchen supplies. "The list is large and will take time, but we have to start somewhere."

Councillor Diane Griffin then gave a report on Council's activities. She spoke about the community's successes with solid waste management and the Council's efforts to enlarge the Maple Lake landfill site. She talked about recycling, landfill hours (which remain a bone of contention with many residents in the community), hauled sewage, 911 signs and the stimulus grants received. Griffin also reviewed the tax rate set for the year and said that the budget was exactly the same as 2008 despite substantially higher assessments, something that she said was the result of good planning and use of available grants as well as working on a five year planning process.

Griffin then spoke briefly about the airport expansion and what appears to be overwhelming concern about the cost of the project. She asked if anyone actually knew what it would cost. No one seemed to have the answer and one woman asked why that was. Griffin responded that it was likely because no one had asked.

She reviewed the costs which she said would be \$9.80 per hundred thousand dollars of assessment for each property. This she compared to the cost of roads at \$97.30, fire protection at \$30.10, waste management at \$57.90 and parks & recreation at \$32.60 all per hundred thousand dollars of assessment.

Schultz commented that he did not consider things like roads, fire protection and waste management optional, while the airport expansion was definitely optional.

Griffin said that if the project didn't proceed this year the money in the budget would likely be carried over to the 2010 budget for the project to proceed. She said that she felt she had done her homework when it came to the airport project and that all financial scenarios provided by the staff had been confirmed by an accountant.

Griffin also talked about the request by MP Barry Devolin to proceed with the project in two phases, adding that she hoped that he was successful in seeing this happen. She added that she was confident that Council would do whatever was required to limit any increase in taxes when it came any phase of the project.

Griffin then chose to advise the group that she intended to leave Council in November of 2010 and would not seek re-election. She said that her decision was a very difficult one and spoke of her efforts over the years to represent everyone to the best of her ability. Griffin said that she had been disheartened by hurtful e-mails and comments about impeachment. She said, "It has made me wonder if being on Council is what I want," and wished everyone the best of luck.

While Griffin had the floor she fielded a number of questions and considerable concern was raised about the landfill hours. One discussion turned into a bit of an argument that Council did not consider the community in as high regard as other areas. This was disputed by both Griffin and Harrison, but they promised to take the community's concerns back to Council for consideration.

Broadband Coordinator Jamie Parks then gave a presentation on the County's efforts to extend broadband services throughout the County. He said it was unfortunate that Oxtongue Lake had not been included in the project pres-

ently under way, but spoke of future opportunities that could be available to local residents.

Parks then decided to step out of character and make what he called personal comments about the condition of the property surrounding the community centre. Failing to recognize the area (behind the adjacent firehall) as a training area for the fire department, Parks said that it was a wonderful property, but that 'the grounds are trashed with derelict vehicles' and suggested that the area should be cleaned up and playgrounds put in place. These comments met with silence for the most part, but it was later evident that they were not well received.

Schultz then invited Paul MacInnes, President of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) to address the members and provide an update on the airport expansion project.

MacInnes spoke warmly of the relationship that had grown between the two associations. He said that he believed that the majority of people in Algonquin Highlands oppose the runway expansion, along with the three other municipalities in the County. He attributed this opposition to the fact that it was a multi-million dollar expense at a time when everyone is fighting for so many other things that are desperately needed.

According to MacInnes the existing runway operates at approximately 10 percent of its capacity. He said, "It is a dandy little recreational airport and that is all we need." He also told everyone that the existing design precluded the airport from being certified.

MacInnes spoke about MBC's efforts to see the Council drop their plans for expansion and proceed only with the rehabilitation work and widening the existing runway, a direction that would save everyone concerned money.

He said, "Our proposal met with a negative response and comments that to agree with a proposal by a property owners association would be a slippery slope for Council. I don't know what you feel, but we feel that is democracy. Smart politicians listen to the people who pay the tax dollars."

MacInnes said that if the environmental assessment was completed successful and the municipality decided to move forward, MBC would bring in the lawyers. He said, "We're firmly committed to seeing that the runway does not go ahead until the taxpayers have had a chance to vote on the project. The election is 16 months away and it could become expensive for everyone. If Council accepts our proposal to proceed with only the rehabilitation, the opposition will stop right now, but in our view it's time to do the right thing and put a halt to the expansion."

Schultz confirmed that his membership had asked for an opportunity to vote on the airport project time and time again and that request and any democratic opportunity had been denied. To this MacInnes responded that in 16 months everyone would have an opportunity to vote and that he hoped the environmental



The Algonquin Snowmobile Club proudly shows off their new trail groomer at Monday's ratepayers association AGM.

assessment ran true to form and would take everyone beyond that time frame. "That will be the time to cast your vote, so not all is lost."

MacInnes then gave a brief overview of the Coalition of Haliburton Associations that had been launched recently. He said, "The coalition's fundamental raison d'être is to save each association time and money. We're all doing research on similar things and we can share newsletters and articles and free up volunteer time."

Schultz then spoke briefly about the G-8 Summit becoming more and more high profile. He directed everyone to the community website for more information on the G-8, but commented that the area would be seriously affected. He said that access to Huntsville would be blocked and that many suppliers will not come into the area during the summit. Concern was raised about access to emergency facilities and Hogg assured everyone that while emergency would be difficult it would be available.

Under new business Schultz said that the Board was seeking a new member and asked people to give the position, which is not too onerous, some consideration.

A question was raised by John Lawrence about the newsletter, which he said is one of the association's largest expenses. He asked whether the newsletter needed to continue given the detail included on the website. At the present time the newsletter is sent out three times each year, but the membership agreed by a show of hands that they would be satisfied with one newsletter each year. Grant asked for addresses for those that don't receive their group e-mails. ■

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Highlands East Cottager Wins Big in Gooderham

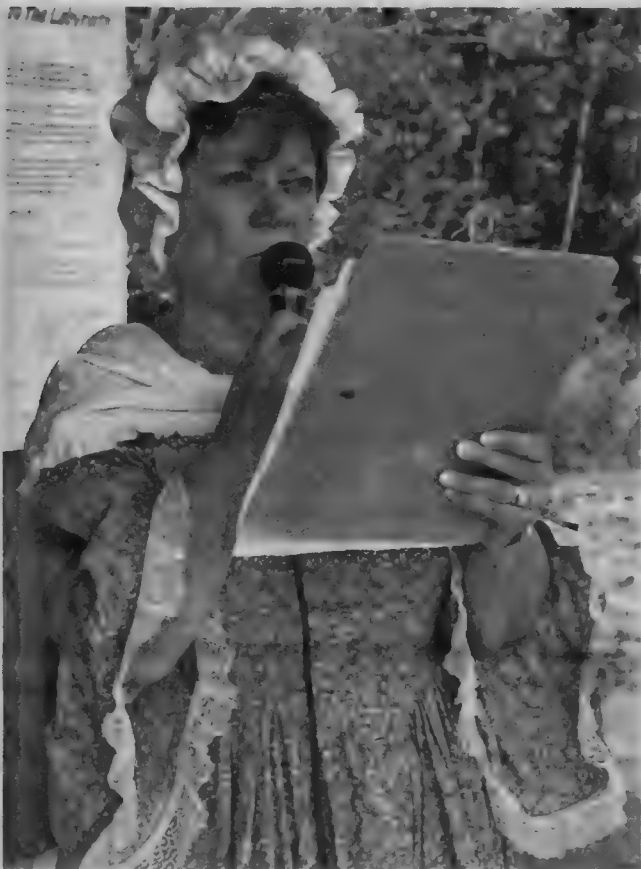
Rick Barber is sure happy he kept his Gooderham Firefighters BBQ raffle ticket he bought earlier in the summer. "You know, I looked at it the other day, and I thought the draw must have happened, I guess I didn't win. Then I looked at the date and thought, no, it still might win."

And win he sure did, taking home the grand prize in the Gooderham Firefighters "Jaws of Life" raffle. Firefighter Cec Ryall commented that, "We are really grateful to our very generous donors who made this great prize possible. One of our own Firefighters, Brian Horner, works near Aurora for the Adena Springs North company. The Aurora Home Hardware donated the BBQ, which obviously was the big prize."

Gooderham Fire Captain Kevin Murphy also thanked the local businesses who were so generous in making this prize so lucrative: "Schwandt's Lumber in Gooderham, Emmer-son Lumber, Minden Home Hardware, and even Brian's Employee Association in Aurora all were a major part of this great prize, Mr Barber not only won a BBQ, he got a beautiful wooden table and chairs, umbrella, portable chairs, a propane tank, BBQ tools, and much much more."

Meanwhile, Rick Barber was amazed at the prize: "I'm sure glad I brought my truck trailer - otherwise I'd never have got it all home," said the long-time Billings Lake cottager. "I'm really glad this event was such a great success for the Gooderham Firefighters and the Jaws of Life campaign."

The bottom line? "The raffle campaign raised over \$2700 for the Jaws of Life equipment - which will be arriving at our fire hall very soon," said Captain Murphy. "We'd like to send out a big thanks to the community and our sponsors." ■



Lyn Winans
Photojournalist



Art in the Village: Music, Food, Wine and "Ambience"

A few weeks ago Minden Rotarians celebrated art, music, food and wine in a rustic setting under a perfect summer sky, and it turned out to be one terrific – and profitable – event. Given that this is the summer of 09, one wonders what kind of direct line organizers and Rotarians Joanna Penfold, Jean Anthon and Molly McInerney had with the weather gods.

"Art in the Village" featured local artisans demonstrating their skills and displaying creations in a variety of media, including wine and culinary offerings, favourites with everyone. The historic setting of the Minden museum was a perfect venue for the gathering, and offered an opportunity for visitors to explore some of Minden's past, with many of the antiquities being works of art in their own right. Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from Minden Rotary Club's second annual Art in the Village. The event raised over \$4,000, up from last year's totals. ■

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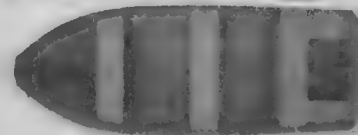
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Redstone Lake - \$559,000

PICADILLY BAY. This 3 bedroom cottage sits on a gently sloping well-treed lot. Open-concept Great Room, tall ceilings, full unfinished basement. 141 feet of sandy shoreline with an eastern exposure.



Kennisis Lake - \$499,700

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Minden Home - \$224,900

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Lutterworth Pines - \$128,500

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Kashagawigamog Lake - \$789,900

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Stothart Creek - \$299,900

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Water Street - \$169,000

Large 5 bedroom in town home with main floor wheel chair access. Large principal room, separate apt. upstairs, could be 2 with walk out to large deck. Level land with 2 other sheds, 3 bathrooms complete the package.



Minden Lake - \$349,900

This gorgeous level point lot with 405 ft. of lakefront offers terrific privacy. Perfect sand beach for the kids. This three bedroom also features a guest suite with bedroom and bathroom. The living room features a brick fireplace with airtight insert. Many upgrades including new flooring and heating system. Very nicely decorated throughout.



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Portage Lake - \$239,000

Great 3 Bedroom cottage located just a short drive from Haliburton. The shoreline has 158 ft of sandy pebbly bottom that is great for swimming, or dive off the dock into the deep water. At the end of the day, relax on the deck enjoying the view over the lake.



Starter or Retirement - \$133,900

Great starter or retirement home, centrally located in Wilberforce. Steps away from all amenities, and a short walk to access on Pussey (Dark) Lake. Level lot with large mature trees and a 16'x16' shed. The house has had many recent upgrades. Very neat and well laid out bungalow that shows pride of ownership. You don't want to miss this one!



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In Town Acreage - \$71,900

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Indian Point Rd. - \$54,900

22 acre parcel that is only 10 minutes to the village of Haliburton. hydro and bell at lot line. drag lake boat launch and public beach only minutes away. price is plus gst.



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Cruiser Lake - \$154,900+gst

Very private setting with 533' frontage and a beautiful western exposure view of Cruiser Lake. Hydro and road to the lot line. Great building site with a moderate slope to the lake. The lot also backs onto Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve



Irish Line Road - \$159,900

Perfect starter or retirement home with everything accessible on one level. Recent renovations include an addition, huge deck for entertaining, new shingles and wood laminate flooring in many areas of the home. The one acre lot is gently sloping with a private backyard with lots of room to roam.

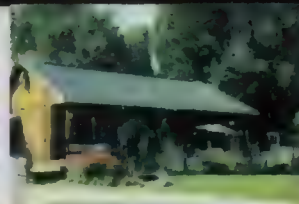


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West Lake - \$439,500

3 bedroom backsplit waterfront cottage/home. Situated on an exceptional point lot with 259 feet of shoreline. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, and pine walls throughout. Nice bright 'Lindall' sunroom overlooks the grounds and the lake. Full basement with rec room, laundry, storage and 3 pc bath. Beautiful grounds with lovely gardens and pathways.



Boughner Road - \$259,900

3 bedroom 'ranch style' bungalow situated on a 10 ac lot. Open concept living room, dining area & kitchen. Sunken livingroom with pine cathedral ceilings, pine cabinetry in the kitchen. Large master bedroom with 3 pc ensuite. Full walkout basement with family room, recroom (pool table area), 2 pc bath, laundry/utility area and separate workshop.



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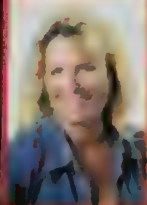


Basshaunt Lake - \$429,900

Very private 3 bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage on a no motor lake. Las cottage on the road. Screened porch, 5 pc. spa bath in the basement, double plus garage, 130 ft of frontage, on year round road. Wood floors, ceramic kitchen floor, airtight wood stove and much more. Must be viewed to appreciate.

Bushwolf Lake Road - \$24,900

Lovely well treed lot 2.8 acres on Bushwolf Lake Road. Driveway in, small cabin on property. Year round access to edge of property. A new driveway could be placed at that point. The existing driveway is about 100 ft. from the municipally plowed road. Close to Sir Sams Ski Hills, on the snowmobile trail and short distance to the public beach on Eagle Lake and the store.

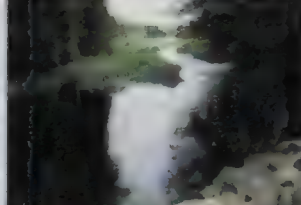


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Highland Grove - \$238,600

Located in a quiet, pretty community, this 2+bdm, 2 bath home is the perfect place to reside! Jordan Lake is just down the road! The home is beautifully landscaped and offers an L-shaped, insulated, 2 bay garage. A wired-in generator, Trex decking at the back for low maintenance, 200 amp service and a partially finished basement.

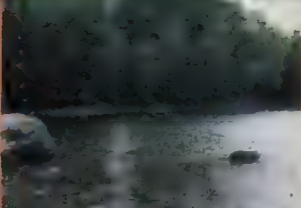


310 Acres - \$197,000

Incredible 320 acre parcel perfectly located between Stormy Lake & Little Glamor Lake. Access from either Alsop Road or Nestle Trail and backs onto Crown Land for even more outdoor fun. Stormy Creek travels from one end to the other and property has several trails.



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Drag Lake Building Lot - \$225,000

370 feet of sand/rock shoreline, 2.6 Acres. Don't Miss this Opportunity to be on Beautiful Drag Lake!



Redstone Lake - \$659,000

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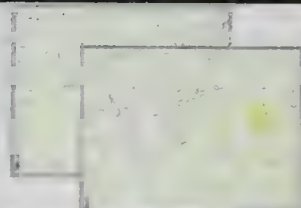


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Beech River - \$399,000

Boat into Boshkung, only metres away, from this stunning 3 bdrm/2.5 bath home, immaculately finished with maple floor, ceramic tiles, and a beautiful screened porch to extend your seasons. A full finished walk-out basement adds to your living space and a large detached garage provides room for storage and the handyman to set up a workshop.

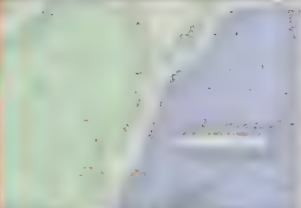


Sir Sam's Area Lots

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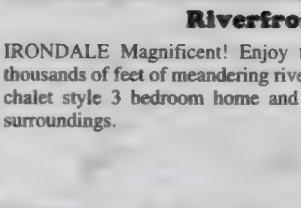


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Waterfront Lot - \$95,000

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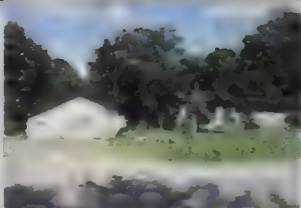


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Kennisis Lake - \$445,000

170 feet of sand shoreline in this quiet bay - 1494 sq. ft. cottage or home. Spacious country kitchen with w/o to porch - w/o living room to deck - fireplace - 3 bedrooms - guest cabin - garage - beautiful sunsets from here - private boat launch - two road

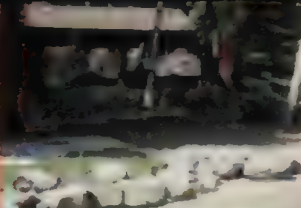


Highway Commercial - \$269,000

Well maintained 3 bedroom brick home - w/o kit. - hardwood floors - full finished basement with stone fireplace - 1700 sq. ft. garage - 20' x 28' body and paint shop - outdoor wood stove - 2.23 acres on County Rd.#21



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Drag Lake - \$319,900

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Drag Lake - \$229,900

DRAG Room for the whole family! This 3 bedroom, 2 level cottage comes with 2 extra lofts for added sleeping space. With 100 feet of frontage on the tip of a quiet bay, enjoy access to Drag Lake, one of the County's larger, more prestigious lakes. The cottage is built for 3 seasons, but conveniently located on a year round road, close to town. An excellent family getaway!



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Boshkung Lake - \$1,199,000

Custom designed & built in 2006 with 200' of south facing golden sand beach on beautiful Echo Bay. This property offers 3 BRs, lg. loft, utility room with main floor laundry; geothermal heating/cooling system; 'Generac' generator system for those inevitable power outages; hardwood floors with porcelain tiles in entranceway & kitchen.



Chandler Point - \$64,000

Luxury carefree vacation living. Shared ownership of a fully furnished executive cottage in a private 6 cottage community on a premier 5 lake chain. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, wood siding, pine kitchen, floors and accents, propane fireplace and laundry on 5.6 acres of private wooded property with 820 feet of frontage on a natural sand beach.

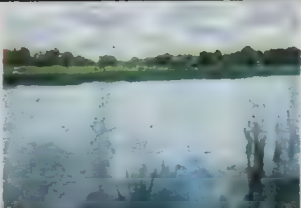


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Kashagawigamog Lake - \$599,400

Opportunity awaits whether you are looking for a year round home or cottage. Outstanding view and location with convenient access. Features a 3 bdrm, 3 bathroom structure with main living area OPEN in concept with cathedral ceiling in the Kitchen and Dining Room. fully finished walkout basement...add a 2 car detached garage and you have the makings of incredible value. Call today for all the details.



Gull River, West Guilford - \$67,800

It's not very often you find a waterfront lot on a year round road approved for septic and building with access to 3 lakes by boat under \$70,000! Located on the Gull River providing opportunities for boating, fishing and swimming in Maple, Grass and Pine Lakes - less than a mile from Lakeside Golf Club and West Guilford where you'll find all amenities.



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Wilberforce - \$129,000

Easy access into beautiful Grace Lake, via Grace River. The warm wood exterior and huge decking compliment its setting, backing onto hardwood bush. 2 bedrooms and bath on the main floor with 3rd bedroom, large family room & bath with laundry on lower level, provides over 1470 sf of living space. Great value. To see it is to love it.



Wilbermere Lake - \$289,900

Large older farm home on 1.86 ac with 300' sandy lakefront and south/western exposure. 4 bedrooms, dug well, septic & spacious enclosed porch. Includes attached 2 bedroom apartment with 2nd kitchen, bath, and sitting area. With some TLC this would be great for a large family and friends. Note: Attached 2 bedroom apartment non-conforming.



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We asked people, "Do you have kids who will be going to school in September? How do they feel about returning and how do you feel about them going back? What supplies to they need for going back and is their back to school shopping done yet? If not, what do they still need to get?"



Rob Crawley, Lochlin – "I have one daughter who will be going into college. She was accepted and now she has to get her stuff with residence sorted out. She also has to go and get her school books. I'm proud of her. I'm not nervous for her because she's a pretty level-headed person. She's taken care of most of her college stuff on her own and she's even paying for it."



Michael Jarima, Markham – "I have two kids; one is 10 and the other is five. I think that they're excited because they've been talking about it. We're excited and happy too! They're probably going to use most of their school supplies and clothes from last year."



Brad Tait, Haliburton – "I have a 14-year-old son and an eight-year-old daughter. My son is excited to start high school this fall and my daughter can't wait to see her friends. I'm kind of not looking forward to them going back because we didn't get to enjoy the summer as much as usual due to the weather. I wish it were a little longer. My son still needs some stuff like binders and pens, and my daughter has a list but I'm not sure how realistic it is!"



Lisa Barry, Haliburton – "I have two kids; my daughter is 16 and my son is six. My son is excited to go back and my daughter is looking forward to seeing her friends. I like it that they'll be going back, but I also don't like it. I'll be able to save money on daycare for my son when he returns but I'll have to go back to making lunches again! We haven't done any of the back to school shopping yet. My son just needs a couple of items whereas my daughter needs a backpack, binders and books."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Polar Feast



The beleaguered polar bear population around Canada's Hudson Bay got a brief reprieve from global warming this summer. Cooler temperatures resulted in sea ice lasting longer than it has in years, allowing the bears extra time to hunt seals from the ice and raise healthier cubs. "Even just one or two weeks out on the sea ice can make a difference in how many seals they kill and how much fat they're able to store on their bodies," said polar bear specialist Andrew Derocher of the University of Alberta. But experts warn that a single summer's break from global warming in much of Arctic Canada doesn't mean that polar bears are out of danger. "The overall prognosis for bears on a worldwide basis still remains dim at best," said Robert Buchanan, head of California-based Polar Bear International. "This is an aberration," he told Canadian Press.

Missing Sockeye



Millions of sockeye salmon expected to swim up British Columbia's Fraser River this summer have gone missing. Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans had projected that up to 11 million of the fish would return to spawn during August, but only about 600,000 have shown up so far. A record number of the young salmon were born in 2005 and then swam out to sea in 2007 after maturing upstream. They were expected to begin returning to spawn this month. First Nation tribes that depend on the salmon have expressed alarm over the missing fish. Marine biologists believe the young sockeye became infected with sea lice as they swam past fish farms. Another possible cause of the missing fish is the near-record warmth of the river this summer.

Post-Typhoon Jellyfish



Chinese fishermen venturing out to sea in the wake of devastating Typhoon Morakot say they encountered an unprecedented number of giant jellyfish off the coast of Zhejiang province. "There must be thousands of them, like huge mushrooms sprouting on the surface of the water. The biggest was about 7 feet in diameter," fisherman Lin Jinfu told the Xinhua news agency. Last month, Japanese marine researchers said they were also alarmed by unusually large numbers of the Nomura's jellyfish swimming from off the Chinese coast toward Japan's coastal waters. Theories for why the population of the invertebrates has spiked this year range from agricultural runoff in East China to overfishing, which reduced the populations of the young jellyfish's natural predators.

Tropical Cyclones



Hurricane Bill strengthened to a Category 4 storm after forming in the eastern Atlantic.

- Tropical Storm Anna drenched Puerto Rico before dissipating. Tropical Storm Claudette doused the Florida Panhandle.
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- Typhoon Vamco and Tropical Storm Maka formed to the north of the Marshall Islands.

Earthquakes



The strongest in a series of sharp quakes off western Sumatra injured five people when the shaking caused an escalator to collapse.

- Earth movements were also felt in far southern Japan and nearby Taiwan, northern New Zealand, southern parts of Portugal and Spain, southern Mexico, south-central Alaska and in

northwestern and southeastern parts of Colorado.

Lions in Decline



The Kenyan Wildlife Service (KWS) warned that the country's lion population has been dropping by an average of 100 animals each year this decade in a trend that could cause the big cats to disappear in the wild there within 20 years. Many of the fatalities have been due to cattle herders who kill the lions after their livestock have been attacked. KWS spokesman Paul Udoto told reporters that the lions are dying "due to a combination of factors, including human wildlife conflict, destruction of habitats, climate change, disease and increase in the human population."

Climate Survivors



It's long been touted that the ubiquitous cockroach would likely be one of the few creatures left alive in the wake of a nuclear Armageddon. New research indicates that the pests are going to have a far easier time surviving global warming in part due to their ability to hold their breath for as long as 40 minutes at a time. Natalie Schimpf and colleagues at the University of Queensland placed speckled cockroaches (*Nauphoeta cinerea*) in chambers with dry and humid atmospheres, atmospheres with oxygen levels ranging from 5 to 40 percent and atmospheres with carbon dioxide levels ranging from 0.3 to 6 percent for five weeks running. The insects demonstrated an amazing ability to adjust their breathing patterns to adapt to each radically changed climate.

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Craden and Lewis Shake the Blues Away

By Caryl Miller



On a recent Saturday night, August 8th to be exact, at the whimsically appointed Wintergreen, Jerelyn Craden and Mike Lewis enthralled, captivated and delighted a very appreciative audience. The show, entitled Shakin' the Blues Away, was sold out days before the show, with a waiting list for cancellations. A great meal and terrific entertainment in delightful surroundings; what more can one ask? Whether she was belting out "It Ain't Necessarily So" or tenderly rendering Judy Garland's "You Made me Love you" Jerelyn was awesome. It is obvious that she truly loves to entertain. Her show was a performance in every sense of the word. Watching this small, delicately built woman – I wondered where the powerful voice was coming from! Some of her unique song combinations such as weaving Summertime with God Bless the Child, and Rag-

time Cowboy Joe with Paradise, added a richness, depth and humour that was fresh and embracing.

Mike Lewis was far more than an accompanist – his own renditions of "A'int Misbehavin'" and "I'm Hip" brought the house down. His keyboarding was flawless – in spite of the fact that he says he prefers a grand piano.

What an amazingly talented pair they are. Jerelyn and Mike have known each other for over 30 years – and it shows; they work so well together. Clearly they both are on the very same wavelength. Watching the interaction between them both was akin to intruding on a private moment!

Jerelyn and Mike certainly shook our blues away – and we can't wait until she puts on another show. ■

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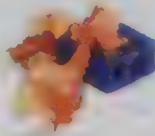
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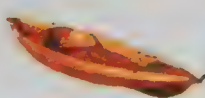
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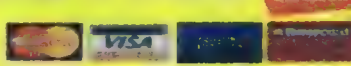
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Studying the Wolf Population

Two Experts Reveal What They Know at Stewardship Discovery Days

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Wolves are magnificent creatures. They're so intriguing, in fact, that the way they lead their lives is of enormous interest to the keen (and brave) researchers who go out in the field to study them.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, two of these individuals – Brent Patterson, field research scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Trent University PhD student John Benson – came to the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve to educate kids and adults about these magnificent predators that inhabit many parts of Canada. The talk and interactive informational session was the final Stewardship Discovery Days event of the summer, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Out to Learn.

Together the two presenters had a lot of facts to dish out on two different wolf species – the Eastern Canadian Wolf (*Canis lupus arctos*) and the Grey Wolf (*Canis Lupus*).

Since Patterson is actively involved in tracking down wolves in Algonquin Park for the purpose of learning more about them, he knows exactly what methods are used to take down these beautiful, and tough, wild animals.

There are a few methods that are used to track down wolves, which Patterson explained in great detail.

"We can fly around in a helicopter to look for wolf tracks,"

he explained, "once we spot a wolf we can chase it down to an open area. Then someone hangs out the back of the helicopter with a gun that has a net on it, which is shot on top of the wolf. Then he jumps out and captures the wolf."

Humane wolf traps are also spread around in an attempt to catch the animals, and tranquilizers are used to subdue them.

Once the wolves are caught, several measurements and samples are taken.

But how are the wolves kept track of when someone isn't chasing them down?

There are two different kinds of tracking devices that are used: one is a radio collar that emits a "ping" or signal, the other is a more modern collar that utilizes GPS technology. The less modern collars go for about \$300 while the GPS units can go upwards of \$4,000.

"With the GPS collars we can get all of the data off of a computer," explained Patterson, "but with the other collars you have to actually catch the wolf to get the collar with the data inside." Some of the GPS units have timers on them with a quick release mechanism, which makes the collar snap off so that it can be retrieved for future use.

With all of these tools at the disposal of researchers, what can they learn?

Another goal of the two researchers is to help conserve the wolf population in Ontario.

Following the indoor portion of the presentation, Benson took the audience outdoors to let them try out a device that picks up the signal emitted from a wolf radio collar. After several minutes out on the hunt, one lucky youngster came across the collar which was placed in some dense bushes.

To learn more about these wondrous creatures and to find out what else is being done to protect them, google "wolves MNR" on the web. ■



"We can get a good idea of how the wolves use the landscape, obtain a record of what the wolves do and when they leave their family, find evidence of what they've eaten..." said Patterson. "These are all important things to know if we want to find out what is that we can do on land to make life better for wolves rather than harmful."

One of the things that has been taking place between Eastern Wolves and coyotes is what is known as hybridization (cross-breeding). But is that necessarily a bad thing? That's one of the things that these experts are trying to find out.

"Hybridization between wolves and coyotes has definitely been documented in Ontario," Benson pointed out. "We're concerned sometimes about keeping the species the same as it has been and obviously this could change if it's breeding with different species. We want to find if this breeding will mean that we'll lose wolves as we know them, or whether wolves will be less abundant...we don't really know what the impact is at this point."

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Rangers Assist with Set-Up of Haliburton County Fair

17-Year-Olds Work On a Number of Outdoor Projects This Summer

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Rangers were busy getting things set-up for the Haliburton County Fair, which was held at the Minden Fairgrounds this past weekend.

Three out of four rangers in this summer's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Ontario Stewardship Ranger employment program erected fencing and tents, and moved tractor tires around for the demolition derby. The youth spent a total of two work days on the grounds to complete their tasks.

Examples of other jobs that the group has taken on this summer has included canoe route maintenance, creation of a new trail at the local fish hatchery, trail maintenance in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, improvements to the Sculpture Forest, and the removal of Garlic Mustard (an invasive plant species).

Barb Merchant, the team leader of this summer's group, says the employment program offered by the MNR is educational, rewarding and enjoyable.

"It's a fun job, you get to be outside and every day is different," she said, adding that she would like to see more young people find out about the program and apply.

One of the main purposes of the employment program is to "increase the Rangers' awareness of ecological sustainability issues, and to encourage them include sustainability principles in whatever career they pursue."

This summer in Ontario there are 48 ranger teams with four rangers in each and one team leader.

To learn more about this youth employment program please visit www.ontario.ca/mnryouthprograms. ■

Extendicare Residents and Volunteers Rally Together

Riding Around Town to Fundraise for Restorative Care Equipment



Residents of Extendicare Haliburton and volunteers were out and about in full force this past Saturday as they rallied together to raise money for restorative care equipment. Through this year's annual 'Wheelchair Rally', the group was able to collect close to \$800.

"We're at \$797 and more is still coming in," said resident Program Manager Kathy DeCarlo on Monday. "It went well."

In the rally, funds were collected from pledge forms that went out prior to the event, and during the event residents and volunteers collected more money around town. The group took a brief rest stop at the CIBC building where they had jars with them for collecting donations. Following their trek through town, a BBQ lunch was provided to those who participated.

Donations were a bit down from last year, pointed out DeCarlo, but that was mainly due to two reasons.

"Normally it's held in the second week of June, but this year we had to postpone it because of an upper respiratory outbreak in the residence" she explained. "And in previous years local resident Bobby Burns has gone around to local businesses to collect donations. This year he was unable to and we didn't have someone else to do it."

Donations can be made to Extendicare at all times of the year. If you'd like to contribute you can make out a cheque to the Proud Pioneers c/o Extendicare Haliburton and mail it to Box 780, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0. ■

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River Kings Set to Roll

New Coach, New Players, Brand New Attitude

Stephen Patrick

Editor

"We want this team to play good, clean, fast hockey - I'm not the slightest bit interested in silly shenanigans like throwing garbage cans onto the ice or any of that nonsense. We want to earn the respect of the community - and our opponents - and we'll do that by playing hard and playing clean," says Evan Kernohan, the brand new coach of the Minden River Kings. The River Kings are entering their second year of competition as part of the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL). Kernohan and owner Derrick Randles are confident that they'll be competitive, creative, and a credit to their community.

"We're already institution codes of conduct for all our players, and for everyone who wants to be a part of this organization," says Kernohan. "We'll be giving back to the community in many ways - we want to be role models for the young hockey players, and want to prove just how responsible and committed to the community our own players can be. We'll be performing a variety of community service chores, from helping seniors to cleaning up the streets."

"The GMHL is adopting more and more of the rules the American college teams use - and we're dedicated to ensuring our players have a proper balance between education and hockey. We'd love to see them all go on to receive athletic scholarships - and our core philosophy is pretty simple: no pass, no play, pe-

riod," says Randles. Coach Kernohan himself won a scholarship to an American College after a successful year first with the own Minden Monarchs, then with Central Ontario Triple A Lindsay Wolves, and finally with the Junior A Lindsay Muskies. A serious injury suffered on the ice earlier this year has sidelined him for the foreseeable future. "But I love the game, and I've always

wanted to coach. I know I'm young, only 23, but I had many coaches in college who were only a few years older than me. I can't wait for the challenge."

Since the GMHL's appearance on the hockey scene just three years ago, Hockey Canada has imposed sanctions to try and protect their territory and deter their members from jumping ship and getting involved with our league, and even communities from allowing our programs into their arenas.

After numerous complaints to the Competition Bureau of the federal govern-

ment, Minister of Industry, Tony Clement has removed Hockey Canada's power, limited their ability to impose these sanctions and restored the freedom of individuals, organizations and communities to pursue the game without fear of repercussions in the future. The Competition Bureau has ruled that:

- 1) Municipalities and arenas may now offer ice time to non-affiliated leagues without the fear of losing the business of Hockey Canada-sanctioned activities.
- 2) The suspension period for a player that participates in an outlaw league can no longer extend beyond the season in which that participation takes place.
- 3) The third sanction was changed to make it clear that a Hockey Canada team would not be in violation of the bulletin merely by playing in the same arena as an outlaw league.

Randles comments that, "lifting these sanctions will also make it easier for us to recruit players, both locally and internationally."



RiverKings owner, Derrick Randles and new coach Evan Kernohan



Randles and his wife Jen are Texans who've fallen in love with the Haliburton area, and have moved here permanently with their two children, and their nephew Robert, one of the River King's goalies. They've also bought the Hunter Creek Inn, and plan to billet many of the out-of-town players at the Inn.

Coach Kernohan is also keen to sign more local players. As a Minden native, and owner of the Haliburton Elite Athletic Training program, he has strong connections to the local hockey scene. The River Kings already boast three local players in Matt Eno, Zach Joanu, and Devin Hunter, but that may just be the start.

The River Kings open their season on the road at Powassan on September 11th: their first home game is on Sunday, September 20th at 7:30. This Sunday, August 30th they'll be playing an exhibition game as well - for game time check with the Minden Arena staff at 286-1936. ■



Top: Some of the RiverKings sweaters will honour the old Minden Monarchs

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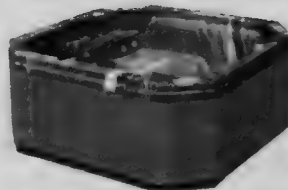
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Over the course of three days (Friday, Aug. 21 – Sunday, Aug. 23), the fair featured several familiar annual attractions as well as some new additions.

On Friday night the festivities kicked off in high gear with a live (and loud) concert featuring groups Ultraviolence and The Wolves of Anson.

When Sunday rolled around, well-trained pigs known as the 'Celebrity Racing Hogs' showed off some of their remarkable skills as they flew out the gates onto a track in a number of races. In the one-lap speedy runs, business and individuals were able to sponsor a pig and enter it under a name of a local celebrity. Politicians, business owners and other well-known personalities all had the chance to cheer on their pig.

The emcee of the races, who went by the name of 'Big Boss Hogg', introduced the racers and got the crowd involved in the action.

Each animal in the line-up came from the Ken Jen Petting Zoo in Oshawa, which is home to over 250 animal stars such as camels, zebras, yaks, and ducks.

At one point in the show, Mr. Boss Hogg pointed out that a yak he had trained was featured alongside Brendan Fraser in the Mummy 3: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. Many of his other animals have also appeared in television spots and his ranch in Oshawa is the location of Treehouse TV's show 'Funny Farm'.

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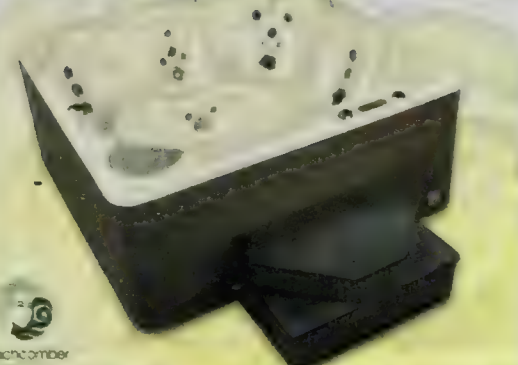
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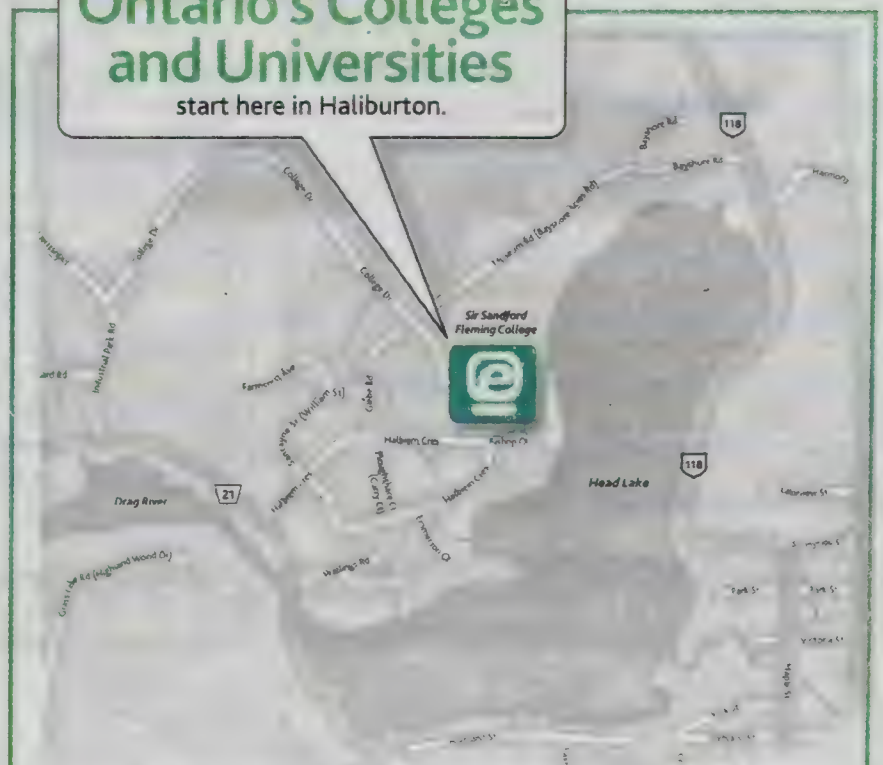
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

FATHER-IN-LAW'S FISH STORY REVEALS
HIS TRUE CHARACTER

DEAR ABBY: Two weeks ago, I went on a fishing trip with my father-in-law. It was great. I caught the biggest fish of my life. I kept it so I could have it mounted when I returned home. When we arrived back at my in-laws', my father-in-law took the fish out of the cooler and claimed he had caught it. At first, I thought he was joking, but now he's planning on having the fish mounted! I didn't want to make him look bad in front of his daughter and his wife, but I am furious. My wife thinks I'm overreacting, but this really is the big one that got away. Should I confront him and call his bluff? — SOMETHING'S FISHY IN NEW YORK

DEAR SOMETHING'S FISHY: If you were going to confront your father-in-law, you should have done so as soon as he took credit for catching your fish. Instead of being "furious," be grateful that you now have a clear insight into the man's character. That he would lie about something like this calls into question anything that has ever — or will ever — come out of his mouth.

DEAR ABBY: My 8-year-old nephew was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. He has made amazing progress with therapy and has advanced so he is practically functioning at his age level. Our entire family has teamed up and joined a charity that raises money for autism. We have devoted our time and energy to this important cause. My sister (my nephew's mother) refuses to get involved! She says she is "too busy." We all work and have other activities, yet we still make time to devote to this cause. She doesn't work and has no other responsibilities outside her family that prohibit her from participating. She says raising money isn't something she likes to do. I don't have much time for it either, but our family MAKES the time because this cause is important to us. It makes me furious that she won't help raise money for her own child's disorder. How can I talk to her about this without seeming confrontational? — RAISING MONEY IN FLORIDA

DEAR RAISING MONEY: I urge you to refrain from doing so. For heaven's sake, your sister is the mother of a child who is working hard to overcome a disorder. She has a full-time job — one that lasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She is not malingering, so stop judging her.

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married woman. Fifteen years ago, I was married to another man I'll call "Mario." Mario and I divorced after four years and ended it as friends. Mario and I have both been in the restaurant business separately as well as together. Mario called me two days ago and asked me if he could hire me for his newest venture because he knows what a good manager I am. When I mentioned it to my present husband, he was adamantly against it. Do you see anything wrong with my working with my ex? — "CYNDIE" IN SOUTH FLORIDA

DEAR "CYNDIE": I don't — but obviously your present husband does, because he's threatened by the idea. It appears you have an important decision to make. Which is more important to you — the job, or keeping peace in your marriage?

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Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in encouraging others to demand the best from themselves. You would be a fine sports coach, as well as an enlightened teacher.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Changing your mind doesn't come easily for Lambs, who place a high value on commitment. But new facts could emerge that might persuade you to rethink your situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to put that fine Bovine's eye for beauty to work in redecorating your home or workplace. And don't forget to indulge yourself in some personal time as well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your sense of loyalty to someone who asks for your help is commendable. But make sure there are no information gaps that should be filled in before you move too far too quickly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let difficult people raise the Crab's ire levels this week. Avoid them if you can. If not, resist telling them off, even if you think they deserve it. Things improve by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your suspicions about a colleague might be on the mark. But you also could be misreading the signals you believe you're getting. Do some discreet checking before jumping to conclusions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take some time out from your many tasks and see if someone might be trying to reach out to you. You could be surprised to learn who it is and why you might want to reciprocate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You still might want to do more investigating before taking on a new commitment. Later would not be the time to try to fill in any crucial gaps in what you need to know about it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new opportunity should be carefully studied. It might offer some of the things you've been looking for. Or it could contain new possibilities you never considered. Check it out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to work harder this week to get people to listen to what you have to say. But if you stay with it, you could start to get your message out to many by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters again take up a big chunk of the Goat's time, the week also offers a chance to explore a new career move you'd been contemplating for a while.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Applying your practicality (what does it offer me?) and your creativity (how can I improve on it?) could provide sound reasons for seriously considering that new offer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The single set will find that keeping their romantic aspirations on high gives Cupid a better target to aim at. Paired Pisces will find that this week helps reinforce their relationships.

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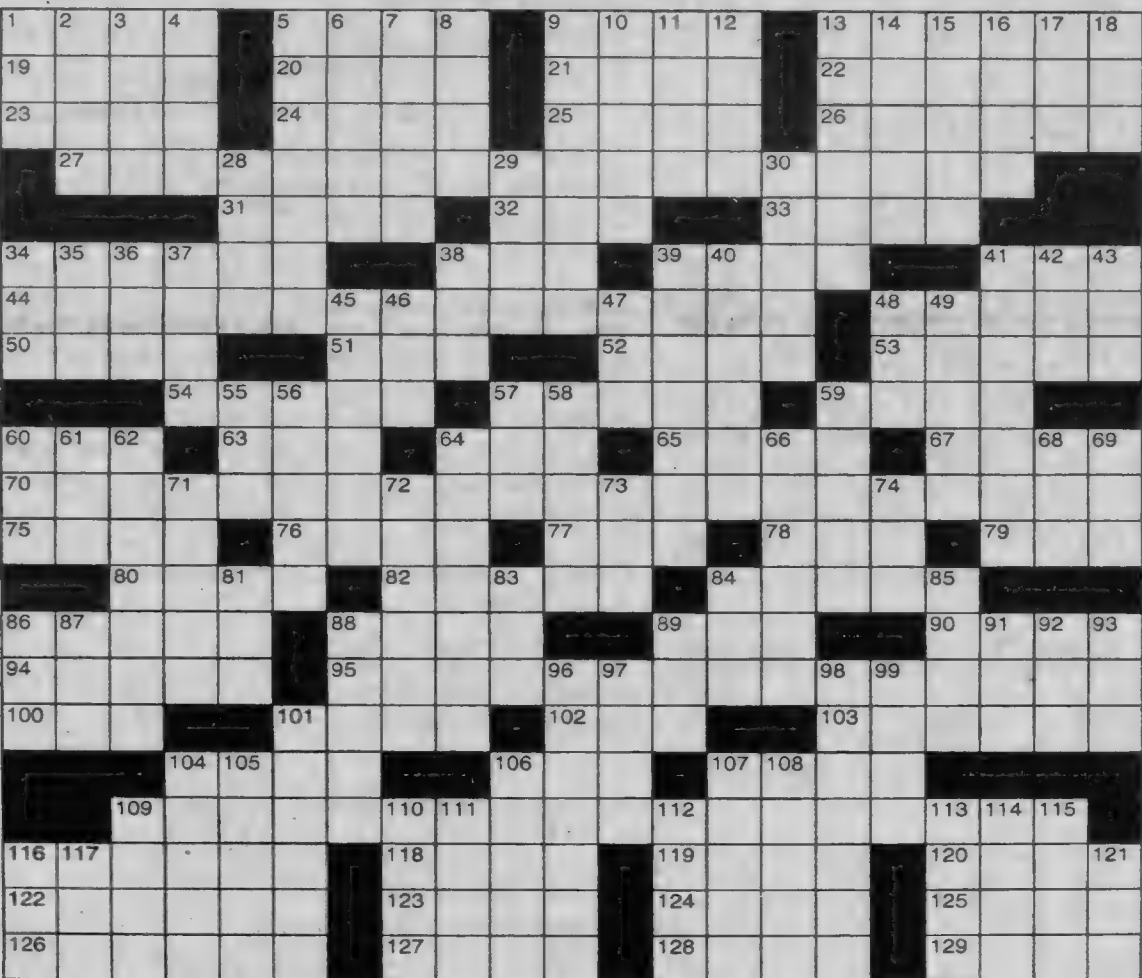
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CAREER CHOICES

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5 Pride of the pumped-up
9 St. Louis team
13 Dirty
19 118 Across' mistress
20 Way off base?
21 Director Kazan
22 Agenda item
23 Emcee's site
24 Melodious McEntire
25 Monastery dweller
26 Kindle
27 He became a Realtor because ...
31 Form a cylinder
32 Broad st.
33 Savage sorts
34 Alarm
38 It may be strapless
39 Emulates Simon
41 Hibiscus garland
44 She became a pharmacist because ...
48 — squash
50 Tropical tree
- 51 Wrinkly dog
52 Diva
53 Halloween happening
54 Raptor feature
57 Texas landmark
59 Out of gas
60 — Na Na
63 Scold and scold
64 Bolted the beans
65 Formerly
67 Dispel
70 He became an explorer because ...
75 Get wind of
76 Cad
77 Watching machines?
78 Season firewood
79 Rock's — Leppard
80 Formal ceremony
82 Backslide
84 Exhausted
86 Euripidean tragedy
88 Lhasa —
89 Clarke or West
90 Model Carre
94 Simpson of fashion
95 She became a baker because ...
- 100 Horde of humpbacks
101 Not that
102 Oil apparatus
103 Least light-hearted
104 Wet blanket
106 Address abbr.
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109 He became an electrician because ...
116 — out (aided)
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119 Small businessman?
120 Vociferate
122 Elevated
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125 Cooper's tool
126 Size up
127 Drops the ball
128 Family members, to many
129 Part of Q.E.D.
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3 Part of HOMES
4 Cleanse
5 Excuses
6 Tom of "Baretta"
7 Computer language
8 Thin strip
9 Dislodgment
10 Isolated
11 Ho Chi —
12 Literary pen name
13 Poet Heaney
14 Senator Hatch
15 Jeremy of "Waterland"
16 Praise
17 USNA grad
18 HST's successor
28 Schipa solo
29 Writer Paretsky
30 With diffidence
34 "For shame!"
35 Palindromic cry
36 "Fantasia" frame
37 Nab a gnat
38 Plead
39 Exercise expert Richard
40 Cashew kin
41 Couldn't stand
42 Directional suffix
43 Calligraphy supply
45 Highest point
46 Pantyhose problem
47 Soup veggie
48 Gibbon or gorilla
49 Vulgar
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57 From — Z
58 Boxing blows
59 Neutral tone
60 "Quiet!"
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107 D.D. Emmett tune
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109 They're sometimes hugged?
110 Auction
111 — friendly
112 Act like an antelope
113 Basra's locale
114 Pianist Lupu
115 Signor Ferrari
116 Herd word
117 Oerter and Unser
121 TV's "Father —"



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Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: "C" SCIENCE
Each answer starts with "C."
(e.g., A long, narrow strip of water made for boats. Answer: Canal.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- A group of stars that form a long-recognized pattern in the sky.
Answer _____
- A visible mass of water or ice particles suspended at a considerable altitude.
Answer _____
- A negatively charged electrode. The opposite of anode.
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

- A threadlike body in the cell nucleus that carries the genes in a linear order.
Answer _____
- The amount of heat needed to raise 1 gram of pure water by 1 degree C.
Answer _____
- A field of mathematics that deals with rates of change and motion.
Answer _____

Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

- The study of the origin, evolution and structure of the universe.
Answer _____
- A waxy substance found in the blood and body tissues of animals.
Answer _____
- A substance that causes a normal cell to change into a cancerous cell.
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Constellation. 2. Clouds. 3. Cathode. 4. Chromosome. 5. Calorie. 6. Calculus. 7. Cosmology. 8. Cholesterol. 9. Carcinogen.

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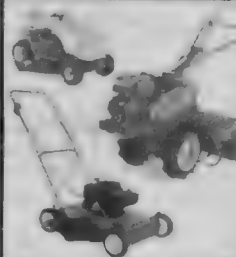
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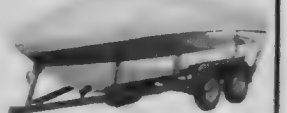
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EMS personnel, Dysart firefighters and Haliburton Highlands OPP all arrived on the scene. The man was able to get out of the vehicle on his own and was uninjured.

No charges have been laid and the investigation is ongoing. ■

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Last Weeks Answers

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In Loving Memory of London Reynolds

I remember that special day, I will remember everything you had to say, the day I met you was very inspiring too. But when God took your hand, we had to part, he eased your pain, but broke our hearts, you were and are an amazing guy. Now you have those special wings and you can fly. Please promise me you will look after your mom and keep friends and family from doing wrong. You are always there, but remember I will always care.

Kathyn Levely

DEATH NOTICES

London Reynolds

At Ross Memorial Hospital with his family by his side on Saturday evening, August 15, 2009 in his 19th year. Beloved son of Christine Reynolds of Haliburton. Loving brother of Shawn (Reianna) of Ottawa and Carley of Norland. Fondly remembered by his grandmother Winnifred Reynolds of Toronto, his many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. London enjoyed hockey and basketball.

Marie Reynolds

Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. At the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late Morgan Reynolds (1999). Fondly remembered by Audrey and Larry Reynolds and family, Lyle and Arvada Reynolds and family, Sheila Morrison-Reynolds and family, Ross and Dorothy Walker and family, Doreen and Grenville Harrison and family, Irma Walker and family, and by her many neighbours and friends.

Kathleen Edith Bain

Passed away peacefully at the Chatham Kent Health Alliance on Saturday, August 22, 2009. At the age of 87. Beloved wife of the late Russell Allen Bain (1986). Dear mother of Tom and Patricia, predeceased by her infant daughter Linda, grandmother of Chris Savoy.

Dear sister of Max and Olive Griffin, Ray (deceased) and Ruth Griffin, and Adela Henderson (deceased). Fondly remembered by the Griffin and Bain Families.

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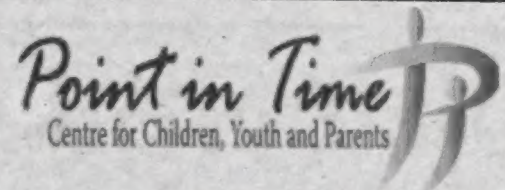
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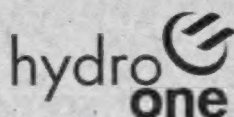
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s****Hydro One Networks Inc.****Request for Tender**

Hydro One Networks Inc. invites qualified companies to submit a tender for Landscaping Work as part of a shoreline restoration project, at MINDEN just off Hwy 35 along the shore of Bushkong Lake, Ontario, Canada, all in accordance with Hydro One's Request for Tender (RFT).

To qualify to submit a tender, a representative of the company must attend a mandatory briefing meeting ("site tour") verified by an authorized Hydro One Networks Inc. representative. **Such a meeting is being held on Tuesday, September 01, 2009 at 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time.** Note: The location (site) is governed by EPSCA.

To request a copy of the RFT, please email requestinformation@hydroone.com, using the subject line "**RFT# 1000070266 - Boshkung Lake Restoration Project**". Please provide your complete courier mailing address, contact name, telephone number and e-mail address. A copy of the Confidentiality Agreement, which must be duly signed and returned to the Buyer prior to the RFT being released, will be sent to you. Subsequently, the RFT will be e-mailed to you.

Interested parties are to request tender package no later than **Monday, August 31, 2009 at 1:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** Tender closes **Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 3:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

**NOTICE****INVITATIONS / EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
PROPERTY PURCHASE**

The township of Algonquin Highlands is inviting and accepting "Expressions of Interest" for the property owned by the municipality as follows:

Parcel No. 1 - Part Lot 31 Concession 5 Stanhope part of Part 1 Plan 19R7965.
The property consists of approximately 1.6 acres with 200 feet of frontage on Stanhope Airport Road. This property is developed with a single family dwelling and an open metal Quonset hanger building.

Parcel No. 2 - Part Lot 31 Concession 5 Stanhope part of Part 1 Plan 19R7965.
The property consists of approximately 1.58 acres with 293 feet of frontage on Green Lake Road and 150.77 feet of frontage on Stanhope Airport Road.
This property is vacant land.

"Expressions of Interest" should include proposed future uses; renovations; new development; additions and proposed purchase price. All proposals will be considered having regard to proposed uses and purchase price.

Successful Applicant will be invited to submit a formal "Offer of Purchase & Sale."

HIGHEST OR ANY PROPOSED Purchase Price Not Necessarily Accepted.

"Expressions of Interest" will be received by the undersigned at the township municipal office located at 1123 North Shore Road until September 15, 2009.

Further information may be obtained from the township website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or at the municipal office at (705) 489-2379

Site arrangements may be arranged by contacting John Packer, Airport Manager at (705) 754-2611

Forest Festival

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Four Day Festival Draws Hundreds to Picturesque Local Venue

Hundreds of people were left "breathless" and captivated by the beautiful landscape of the Haliburton Forest and the many performers who came to the area for a four-day musical extravaganza known as the Forest Festival.

Held from Thursday, Aug. 20 – Sunday, Aug. 23, the event featured daytime and evening shows at two venues: the Historic Logging Museum and the serene Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

The high quality shows boasted an array of award-winning Canadian talent with acts such as Paul Quarrington and Porkbelly Futures, fiddler Anne Lindsay, Jason Fowler, and the Forest Festival Brass headed by Stuart Laughton, a founding member of the Canadian Brass. In some of the shows, local guest performers were able to share the stage with the aforementioned headlining acts.

Despite facing a couple of days that came along with on and off showers, festival director Sean Pennylegion said every performance went off without a hitch.

"Fortunately it didn't rain hard enough to make us stop," he said of Saturday night's weather during the Forest Festival Brass show. "I didn't hear of any complaints because of the weather and that was really encouraging."

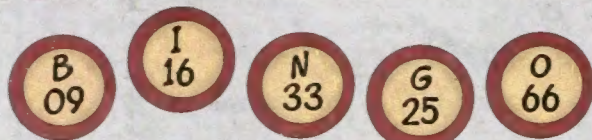
Over the course of the entire festival, Pennylegion said that between 700 and 800 people attended.

"It was very well attended, we got many favourable comments and many people already want tickets for next year," he said.

The festival was shown tremendous support in the time leading up to it and during the four days, added Pennylegion, and for that he is extremely grateful.

"The local media did an amazing job in getting the word out... everywhere I went I heard people comment about they saw Forest Festival stuff around. We also had a huge amount of help from volunteers in the community and from the Haliburton Forest," Pennylegion said.

The Voice attended Saturday evening's performance that included The Forest Festival Brass and a special appearance by Paul Quarrington and Porkbelly Futures. Though it was damp and drizzly for a good portion of the show, the large crowd couldn't seem to get enough of the talent that was on the outdoor Bone Lake stage in front of them. At one point (just before light turned to dark) even the ducks were attracted to the stage when they heard the soothing sounds of the trumpet, tuba and French horn echoing across the pristine waters. ■



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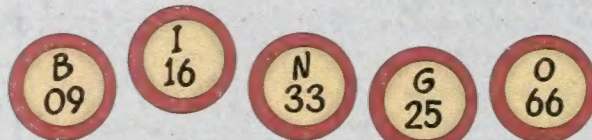
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HELP WANTED - River Kings are looking for a Trainer with basic CPR, the Trainer needs to travel with the team. They are also looking for a Security Guard with previous experience, there is no traveling required, only to Home games. If interested please call, 705-286-3194 or fax resume to 705-286-3197. (AugC)

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HELP WANTED - The Dorset Recreation Centre is now hiring a Permanent Part Time Recreation Attendant to work Saturday's and occasional call in to cover vacations. The position begins immediately. Please forward resumes to the Algonquin Highlands recreation department. c/o The Dorset Recreation Centre, Box 99 Dorset Ontario P0A 1E0 or e-mail to drc@algonquinhighlands.ca by August 31st, 2009. While we appreciate all submissions, only those being interviewed will be contacted. (AugD)

For Rent

FOR RENT - Prime Retail Location, 2300 square feet at street level. Highland Street in Haliburton. Please call Peter Curry at 705-457-3771. (TFN)

WANTING TO RENT - Quiet, mature, responsible professional seeking accommodation in Haliburton County - September time frame. Preferably on/near water. Furnished or un-furnished, non smoker, no pets, respectful of nature and the property of others. Call 705-286-3829 or 416-994-0532 (msg)

HOUSE FOR RENT - Three bedroom house available October 1st, 2009. \$700.00 plus utilities, Wilberforce. Call 705-448-1030. (SeptA)

For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT - Three bedroom, large yard, laundry room, dishwasher, propane heat. Halls Lake community. \$750.00 per month plus utilities. First and last required. Available September 1st. Call 705-489-4247. (SeptC)

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FOR SALE - Tractor bush hog and myself to mow overgrown field, \$60.00 per hour. Call Don Outram in the evenings at 705-448-2190. (SeptD)

FOR SALE - Yard works 18 inch, 12amp electric lawn mower. Very good condition, asking \$80.00. Call 705-489-2079. (SeptB)

FOR SALE - Boat Trailer (Ez Loader)\$600.00, 12' Aluminum 13 oat (Lund)\$350.00, 14' Aluminum 13 oat \$300.00, 12' Boat Wipps, 15' Insulated chimney, UL approved, and cap \$300.00. (AugD)

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YARD SALE - Rain or shine Friday August 28, 1p.m.-6p.m. and Saturday August 29 8a.m.-6p.m., Price Street, Minden watch for signs. Lots for everyone. (AugD)

YARD SALE - 657 Mountain Street, Saturday August 29 from 8a.m.-3p.m. only. Couch and chair, kids toys, cradle, jogging stroller, kids clothes, clothes, dishes, books, television, racing bike. (AugD)

YARD SALE - 1012 Rodney Dr (off Fred Jones) Saturday August 29 9a.m.-2p.m. Antiques, solid Pine table, lots of great stuff and great value. (AugD)

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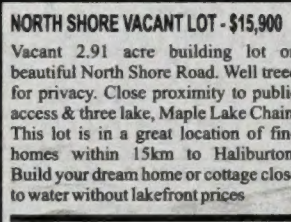
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